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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Monthly Summary for the month of May, 2020 in respect of Ministry of Women and Child Development.**

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith a copy of the unclassified portion of the monthly summary in English pertaining to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month of May, 2020.



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## Monthly Summary Report for the month of May, 2020 in respect of Ministry of Women & Child Development

The significant events relating to the work of Ministry of Women and Child Development for the month ending May, 2020 are as follows:

### 1. Meetings/ Conferences/ Workshops under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister, WCD

**Inter-ministerial web interactions** chaired by Hon'ble Minister, **Digital interactive sessions on various subjects** like Mental and Physical Health during #COVID19, **Psychological impact** on Women and Children, Web Based Orientation Workshop for district based **Child Protection Units, Webinar for Child line Partners** etc. streamed online, witnessed lakhs of views via YouTube conducted by various Bureau Heads of the Ministry.

As a result, the engagement impressions have reached over 8.7 million during this 56-day period on Twitter account and up to 5 lakh post reach on Facebook page of the Ministry. (\*This data is generated as a total calculation based nearly 200 posts shared on the platforms during the mentioned dates.)

### 2. Meetings/ Conferences/ Workshops under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of State, WCD

The Second meeting of the Committee constituted for re-organising the functionality of Childline was held on 6th May, 2020 through Web Room Meeting under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of State, WCD. The key take-away from the last meeting held in the month of December, 2019 were discussed and comments/ suggestions received from all the members with respect to the terms of reference of the committee were shared.

3. A meeting of was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 11:00 AM through VC to discuss progress in on-boarding of DBT Schemes on UMANG. During the meeting, on-boarding of PMMVY Scheme of MWCD on UMANG platform was discussed. It was informed by MWCD that the on-boarding of PMMVY on UMANG is under progress and APIs are being shared with the UMANG/ NeGD team. At present the link of PMMVY has been made available on UMANG and the Ministry is in constant touch with NeGD, which is looking after the on-boarding process. PMMVY scheme is expected to be fully on-boarded by the end of June, 2020.

### 4. Meetings/ Conferences/ Workshops under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, WCD

A meeting of the Empowered Committee of Officers (EC) under Nirbhaya Fund was held on 18th May, 2020 under my Chairpersonship to review the status of the ongoing projects appraised for funding under Nirbhaya Fund.

A meeting was held through video conferencing/physical participation on 19.05.2020 under my Chairpersonship, on Suo Moto cognizance taken by Hon'ble

Supreme Court on the rising number of reported child rape incidents in the country. Officers from Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Justice, Department of Legal Affairs, Department of School Education and Literacy, Bureau of Outreach and Communication, NALSA and NCPCR participated in the meeting. A review of compliance of directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court was undertaken and suitable instructions issued.

## **5. Distribution of Take-Home Ration (THR)**

Women and young children being the most vulnerable, especially during the current pandemic, Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) continued to distribute Take Home Rations (THR) to Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers and Children from 6 months to 6 years, to ensure that they receive their regular supply of nutrients during these critical periods of their life. The only difference now is that instead of distributing THR and providing Hot Cooked Meal (HCM) to children from 3 years to 6 years at Anganwadi Centers, AWWs distribute dry ration directly to all beneficiaries. THR distribution usually takes place twice in a month and District-wise data is being collected regularly and analyzed from all States/ UTs.

## **6. Measures taken during May, 2020 to ensure safety and well-being of Women & Children in view of spread of COVID-19**

6.1 Daily review of COVID-19 situation in MWCD institutions like One Stop Centres (OSCs), Swadhar Homes, Ujjawala Homes, Working Women Hostels (WWHs), Child Care Institutions (CCIs), Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAAs) etc. is being done. Daily reports are collected from all States/UTs to ensure the availability of adequate arrangements for welfare and protection of Women and Children residing in these institutions. Report pays special attention to any of our inmates testing positive for COVID 19 and the follow through therein.

6.2 A brief daily report on implementation status of schemes of the Ministry during the National lockdown period is also sent to Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.3 **Dissemination of key messages on COVID-19 pandemic:** A National level Campaign has been launched by Government of India to allay the fear against COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure safety and boost morale of those working on COVID duty, for those patients who have tested positive and their care givers. A communication package comprising of key messages, mass and social media creatives, audio-visuals etc. developed by MoHF&W. All the States / UTs were requested to kindly disseminate the key messages through field functionaries and display the IEC material on prominent places like Govt. Buildings, AWCs, hospitals, social welfare offices, panchayat offices, website and social media accounts of States etc. Social Media Cell Management, Ministry of Women and Child Development is actively sharing and retweeting content related to COVID-19 and Corona Virus on its social Media platforms.

Schemes related content like POSHAN Abhiyaan and day-to-day activities of Anganwadi Workers distributing Take Home Ration under Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP); Women and Child Divisions, Mahila Shakti Kendras, One Stop Centre teams distributed essential items e.g., rations, masks and sanitizers, sanitary napkins, hygiene kits etc.for migrant families, adolescent girls and children; rescue

operations of children & reunion with their families and emergency services provided by One Stop Centres during lock down were highlighted on social media platforms of the Ministry.

**Coping Strategy for children & caregivers and to check stress response among children** were also issued by the Ministry, were also publicized on social media.

**National Commission for Women (NCW) conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional (Eastern & Western Region) Consultation on “Reviewing law related to Inter-State Women Migrant workers”** on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 respectively **through video conferencing**. The consultation was focused to review law relating to inter-state women migrant worker and to identify shortcomings in the present framework and suggest remedial measures in order to make the law more gender aware. The participants in both the Consultations were legal experts, academicians, Senior Officials of state Labor and Women Development Departments, civil society representatives, lawyers and former judges.

## **7. WhatsApp Number to Report Domestic Violence amid Lockdown**

Considering the increase of the number of complaints of domestic violence cases, since the imposition of the nationwide lockdown over corona virus, the National Commission for Women launched WhatsApp number 7217735372 for reporting domestic violence cases amid lockdown. Such complaints are acted upon for providing immediate assistance to the victims. Considering the urgency in the matters and to provide immediate help to the complainants/victims, these complaints are processed and coordinated even without formally registering with the Commission. The coordination with the complainants, police and other authorities are made telephonically, in order to have immediate and prompt action. *Since the launching of this WhatsApp number on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 upto 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020, C&I Cell is able to provide assistance in 727 such cases by coordination with complainants/victims, police and other authorities throughout the country. This coordination is via email/telephonically and WhatsApp only.*

## **8. Task Force to Help Aged People**

In order to assist the elderly people (both men and women) facing issues due to lockdown in the country, the Commission constituted a special task force to render assistance to elderly people in case they need any medical assistance, delivery of grocery, essential items or any medication at the place they are residing in. A special dedicated email is also open by NCW, [helpatncw@gmail.com](mailto:helpatncw@gmail.com) to receive such requests. A public notice on NCW website is also displayed to create awareness on this. Various social media platforms are also being used for same. The task force constituted by NCW is working day and night and coordinating with State police authorities, administration, local NGOs, etc to provide immediate assistance to elderly people in need. A list of online grocery and medical stores is also maintained by the task force for providing assistance. Since its creation on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, till date the task force is able to provide assistance in around 140 such cases by its coordination throughout the country.

## 9. Advisory on use of Homemade Protective cover for Face & Mouth

Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued an advisory to all the States/UTs on 06<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 on use of Homemade Protective Cover for Face & Mouth for use by all the CDPOs, Lady Supervisors, Anganwadi Workers, Anganwadi Helpers and other field functionaries concerned. YouTube video link on use of reusable face cover and its preparation process were also shared.

## 10. Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)

During the month of May, 2020, more than 4.39 lakh beneficiaries were enrolled under the PMMVY. More than 12.98 lakh applications were entered on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana-Common Application Software (PMMVY-CAS). More than Rs. 192 crore of maternity benefits was disbursed.

As on 31.05.2020, under the scheme, more than 1.64 crore beneficiaries were enrolled under the PMMVY; more than 1.49 crore beneficiaries were paid maternity benefits under the PMMVY; more than 4.20 crore applications were entered on PMMVY-CAS; more than 3.86 crore applications were paid and more than Rs. 6269 crore of maternity benefits were disbursed.

## 11. One Stop Centers and Women Helpline

During the lock down period, 683 One Stop Centres (OSCs) are operational in the country to provide medical support, psycho-social counselling, police facilitation, legal counselling/ help, temporary shelter to women affected by violence including those affected with domestic violence. Further, Women Help Lines are functioning in 32 States and UTs for providing emergency and non-emergency telephonic support to women facing violence or difficult situations during the lockdown period.

## 12. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:

12.1 Video Conferences are being held on regular basis for inter-action and dialogues with States/UTs for effective implementation of various schemes.

12.2 Full-fledged e-Office implementation by Ministry has resulted in savings to Government exchequer. Also, substantial number of Inter - Ministerial communications are made through e-mail.

12.3 All Policies/ Programmes/ Schemes/ Acts/ Sanction orders etc. are loaded on public domain for easy access by stakeholders.

## 13. Status of Public Grievances:

No. of Public Grievances disposed-off during the month	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of the month (30.05.2020)
439	116

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