

F.No.1-14/2006-CD-I
Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development

Shastri Bhwan, New Delhi.
Dated: 28th May, 2007.

To

Secretaries' In-charge of ICDS in
all States / UTs.

**Subject:-Selection of Anganwadi Workers under the ICDS Scheme-
Instructions regarding.**

Sir / Madam,

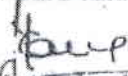
I am directed to invite your attention to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 2nd Nov. 2006 on the subject mentioned above. The instructions with regard to selection of Anganwadi workers contained in this letter are reproduced below :-

"The Anganwadi workers should be a lady (18-44 years) from the local village and acceptable in the local community. Special care should be taken in her selection so that the children of Scheduled Caste and other weaker sections of the society are ensured free access to Anganwadi. It is suggested that the AWWs in the selected project areas may be selected by a committee consisting of the District Social Welfare Officer, the BDO, the CDPO, the Medical Officer of the primary health centre, the President of the Taluka Panchayat / Block Advisory Committee, the district representative of the State Social Welfare Advisory Board and any other non-officials which the State Government may consider appropriate."

2. It has come to the notice of this Ministry that some of the States have included the Members of Legislative Assembly as Chairperson /Member of the Committee constituted for Selection of the Anganwadi Workers/Helpers under the Scheme. The matter of involving MLAs in the selection of Anganwadi Workers / Anganwadi Helpers has been under consideration of the Government for sometime and it has been decided that it would not be appropriate to include them in the selection process of Anganwadi Workers, who are honorary and grassroot functionaries under the ICDS scheme.

3. It is requested that States/UTs may kindly confirm compliance of the aforementioned instructions by 16th June, 2007. This Ministry may also be apprised of the current composition of Selection Committee constituted for the Selection of Anganwadi Workers/Helpers

Yours faithfully,


(Jatinder Kaur)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.