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Dear

As you may be aware, Anganwadi Services Scheme is one of the flagship programmes of Government of India. One of the six services provided under Anganwadi Services is Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) for providing additional nutrition improving health of Pregnant Women & Lactating Mothers and Children upto six years of age. Since the Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the overall management, monitoring and implementation of the Scheme is being done by the respective State Government/UT Administration.

2. In the recent past, instances have come to the notice of this Ministry that children of appropriate age did not get supplementary nutrition at the nearest Anganwadi Centres, irrespective of their enrolment at the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), despite the fact that there is a network of around 14 lakh AWCs across the country. In this regard, it would be appreciated as a step towards eradication of malnutrition among children if any child coming to the AWC, irrespective of their enrolment at the Centre, is offered the supplementary nutrition appropriate to his/her age.

3. I would, therefore, like to request you to issue necessary instructions to the Anganwadi Services functionaries in your State/UT to conduct a local survey in the area in the jurisdiction of the Anganwadi Centres and get the children of appropriate age enrolled at the AWCs, if not already enrolled. Further, it may also be ensured that any child, pregnant woman or lactating mother, coming to the AWC must be provided age appropriate supplementary nutrition, irrespective of their enrolment at the AWCs.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

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 20/12/2018  
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**Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in-charge of WCD/ Social Welfare (dealing with Anganwadi Services) in all States/UTs**

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