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Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development
Shastri Bhawan

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Office Memorandum

Subject: Procedure for Procurement of Take-Home-Ration (not raw ration) under Supplementary Nutrition Programme of Anganwadi Services- reg

The undersigned is directed to state that the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) under Anganwadi Services and the POSHAN Abhiyaan are important programmes to address the issue of malnutrition in the country. Under these programmes, there is need to ensure that entitlements reach the intended beneficiaries in a time-bound manner as per quantity and nutritional standards for the achievement of nutritional goals.

2. Towards this objective, Streamlined Guidelines dated 13.1.2021 were issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) on quality assurance, roles and responsibilities of duty holders, procedure for procurement, integrating AYUSH concepts and data management and monitoring through 'Poshan Tracker' for transparency, efficiency and accountability in delivery of Supplementary Nutrition.
3. Under the 'Procedure for Procurement', stipulated under the said Guidelines, **the State/UT must introduce transparent processes for procurement as per General Financial Rules 2017 and vigilance guidelines** and ensure that Take-Home-Ration (not raw ration) procured conforms to technical and nutritional standards set by MoWCD. Under General Financial Rules 2017, the selection by direct negotiation/nomination is considered only under exceptional circumstances such as an emergency situation, situations where execution of the assignment may involve use of proprietary techniques, etc. The procedure *inter alia* is required to ensure fairness and equity.
4. Further, vide communication dated 29.6.2021 to all States/UTs, MoWCD had further clarified that Raw Ration as Take-Home Ration (THR) is not permissible under Rules and Guidelines and that Take-Home-Ration (THR) as defined under National Food Security Act, 2013 is not to be misconstrued as 'raw ration'.
5. It is reiterated that States/ UTs are required to adhere to the procedures laid down in the Streamlined Guidelines dated 13.1.2021 scrupulously.

This issues with approval of Competent Authority.


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