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Ministry of Women & Child Development

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001.
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To

The Secretaries of all States/UTs dealing with ICDS Scheme

Sub:- Selection of Anganwadi Workers under ICDS Scheme

As you are aware, ICDS is a Centrally Sponsored flagship Scheme of the Government of India which envisages six services i.e. supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, referral services, pre-school non-formal education and nutrition and health education. These services are provided at the AWCs in convergence with Ministry of Health and other line Ministries.

2. The AWWs & AWHs are community based front line honorary workers under the ICDS Scheme and are central figure in helping the community identify and meet the needs of their children by delivery of the services under the ICDS Scheme. The Scheme envisages the AWWs/AWHs as “honorary workers” from the local community who come forward to render their services, on part-time basis, in the area of child care and development.

3. The guidelines for selection of AWWs/AWHs provide that she should be a lady 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.

4. It has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that some State Governments/UT Administrations are not following the prescribed guidelines in selection of Anganwadi Workers and have appointed AWWs from other villages. This results in the AWW not being regular in opening the AWC as the lady has been selected from another village, which may be at a distance.

5. The position stated in Para-3 is non-negotiable and wherever AWW has been appointed in contravention to the above guidelines, necessary corrective steps may be taken to appoint local person under intimation to this Ministry within 2 months.

5. In the meantime, States/UTs are requested to furnish the information on the number of AWWs selected from the same village to which they belong, in the prescribed format. The information may be furnished latest by 5th October 2011 positively.

Yours faithfully,


(Jatinder Kaur)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

STATUS OF ANGANWADI WORKERS UNDER ICDS SCHEME

Name of the State	In Rural/ Tribal Areas		In Urban Areas	
	No.of AWW from the same village to which they belong	No. of AWW from adjoining/ other village	No.of AWW from the same locality/Ward to which they belong	No. of AWW from another locality/Ward