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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Women & Child Development

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1. The Secretaries of all States/UTs
Women & Child Development Deptt./Social Welfare Department
(dealing with ICDS Scheme)
2. The Director (ICDS) of all States/UTs

Sub:- Supplementary Nutrition under the ICDS Scheme – revision of cost norms

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the Central Government has been providing guidelines on supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme, from time to time, as envisaged in the Scheme. The guidelines were last issued vide this Department's letter No. 1-1/91-NT dated 21.2.1991.

2. In view of the price escalation over the years, the State Governments were requested, vide this Department's letter No. F2-7/2000-CD-I dated 8.5.2000, to enhance the financial norms for supplementary nutrition so that the same are sufficient to provide the requisite amount of calories and protein value as per norms of the Scheme.

3. In Writ Petition (Civil) No. 196/2001-PUCL Vs. UOI & Others, the Supreme Court, vide order dated 29.4.2004, has inter-alia, directed the Union of India to consider the revision of the norm of supply of nutritious food worth Re. 1 for every child fixed in the year 1991 and incorporate their suggestion in the affidavit.

4. The revision of guidelines on supplementary nutrition has been carefully considered by the Government. Taking into account the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for food grains (cereals and pulses) and all other relevant considerations, the following revised guidelines on cost norms for supplementary nutrition may be followed with immediate effect:-

	Old Rates	Revised Rates
(i) Children (6 months to 72 months)	95 paise per child/per day	Rs.2.00 per child/per day
(ii) Severely malnourished Children (6 months-72 months)	135 paise per child/per day	Rs.2.70 per child/per day
(iii) Pregnant Women and Nursing mothers/Adolescent Girls (as per KSY)	115 paise per beneficiary per day	Rs. 2.30 per beneficiary per day

5. The above unit costs are applicable for the utilisation of indigenous food for nutrition supplements and include the cost of food (whether locally cooked or processed), transport, fuel and condiments.
6. The level of nutrition supplements to children and mother in ICDS projects will continue to remain as under :-
 - I. Children (6 months-72 months): 300 calories and about 10 grams of protein.
 - II. Severely malnourished children (6 months-72 months): 600 calories and about 20 grams of protein.
 - III. Pregnant women and nursing mothers/Adolescent Girls (under KSY) 500 calories and about 20 grams of protein.
7. The State Government and Union Territory administrations may take necessary action for the provisions of funds in their Budget Estimate (with Plan and Non-Plan) in this regard. In addition to the unit costs mentioned in para 4 above, a non-recurring provision for all new Anganwadis should be made in the SNP budget in order to meet the cost of utensils for cooking the food, feeding the children, stove/heater etc. Provision may also be made for replacement of utensils etc., if necessary, at periodical intervals of about five years.
8. The above guidelines supercede all previous guidelines on cost norms for supplementary nutrition under the ICDS Scheme.

Yours faithfully,


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