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**Subject: Review of ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13:
Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2012 to discuss the State ICDS
APIP with Govt. of Nagaland - Reg.**

A copy of the minutes of the above cited meeting is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.



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**Minutes of the meeting to discuss
State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13
with Government of Nagaland held on 6 November 2012**

A meeting to discuss the State ICDS Annual Programme Implementation Plan (APIP) for 2012-13 submitted by Govt. of Nagaland was held under the **Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)**, Govt of India (GoI) on **6 November 2012** (*Venue: Shastri Bhawan, Secretary's Chamber*). **Director, Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Nagaland** made a PowerPoint presentation on the State's annual implementation plan for 2012-13 outlining the key programmatic issues relating to ICDS implementation. *List of participants is annexed.*

2. The ICDS APIP for 2012-13 was the first APIP received from the State Govt. since its inception during 2011-12. In the APIP document, the State Govt. has identified some of the key constraints in the programme implementation such as problem in transportation of SNP, especially in 6 districts due to their difficult terrain and poor road connectivity; lack of AWC infrastructure and proper buildings to run project offices, etc. The State has been following some good practices to improve the programme services such as: constitution of a Village Anganwadi Board (VAB) to monitor implementation of all ICDS services including distribution of SNP.

3. Following major issues emerged during the discussion:

- a) Except one newly sanctioned project, all 59 projects and 3455 AWCs are operational in the State.
- b) The State does not have any vacancy at the AWC level, only one post each of CDPO and Supervisor is lying vacant.
- c) Out of 3455 AWCs in the State, 1729 Anganwadi buildings (50%) have already been constructed, 1282 (37%) are under construction and the remaining 444 (13%) are on rent. As for the CDPO offices, out of total 60 project offices, 40 are on rent and the remaining 20 have been constructed out of the state plan.
- d) It was pointed out that the APIP document does not have any data related to growth monitoring of children. The State was requested to provide the nutritional status data as reported in the MPRs.
- e) All the District and Block offices in the State have been provided with computers, printers and data cards to strengthen the existing Management Information System. The State has completed printing of revised MIS registers and is now ready for rollout immediately after training of the State level master trainers by GoI.

- f) In pursuance of the orders of the Supreme Court in 2001, the State has decentralised the procurement of SNP, which is procured and distributed by the NGOs. SNP is provided 6 days a week to the beneficiaries. State was requested to upload the SNP menus/recipes on its website for wider dissemination to general public.
- g) It was pointed out that the State is not claiming any insurance money under the AKBY. It was highlighted that there is a lack of awareness of various benefits available under this scheme amongst the ICDS functionaries and that the State needs to create awareness about the scheme amongst the project officials.
- h) The State highlighted that it has surged ahead over the years in involving the community in the successful implementation of ICDS. In lieu of PRI, the State has a strong Village Council in every village as per the Constitutional provision of Article 371(A). For the recruitment of AWWs and AWHs, the community plays a major role in nominating eligible candidates to be appointed. Even for the construction of AWCs, the community provides the land and even the raw materials.
- i) For the smooth implementation of the ICDS scheme, the State has already constituted the Village Anganwadi Board (VAB) on May 22nd 2007. Every village or ward has formed the VAB, which is in sync with the guidelines of GoI on constitution of ALMCs.
- j) The State Govt. was informed about the issuance of guidelines on strengthening and restructuring of ICDS by GoI and was requested to take necessary measures to implement the revised norms in respect of various existing items of expenditure from current year itself. All other new interventions as proposed in the APIP may be included in next year's APIP for due consideration.

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Annex: List of Participants

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- 1) Shri Prem Narain, Secretary (WCD)
- 2) Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary (ICDS)
- 3) Dr. Dinesh Paul, Director (NIPCCD)
- 4) Shri Gulshan Lal, Dy. Secretary
- 5) Shri Rakesh Kumar, Director
- 6) Dr. Saroj K. Adhikari, Asstt. Director
- 7) Shri Mrinmoy Thakur, Consultant
- 8) Ms. Nidhi Dhingra, Consultant

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- 1) Mr. Khevito. T. Shohe, Director
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