ICDS : THE FLAGSHIP SCHEME UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Introduction

The Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) scheme is one of the flagship schemes identified by the Government of India. This scheme is sanctioned and monitored by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Govt. of India uniformly throughout the country. In the State of Jharkhand this scheme is run by the Department of Social Welfare, Women & Child Development.

Components

The ICDS comprises of six components as outlined below :-

(1) Supplementary Nutrition Programme
(2) ICDS Establishment
(3) Innovative Scheme
(4) Medicine Kits
(5) Pre-School Kits
(6) Publicity, Education & Communication

Implementation agency

In the State of Jharkhand the ICDS scheme is run through a network of 32343 Anganwadi Centres, each Centre being manned by a Sevika and a Sahayikas each. At the block and district levels the departmental functionaries in charge are Child Development Project Officers and District Programme Officers/District Social Welfare Officers respectively. The work of supervision and monitoring of the ICDS schemes at the State level is done by the Directorate of Social Welfare functioning from the State capital. The Directorate is in its turn responsible to the Department of Social Welfare.

Source of fund

For all the components of the ICDS scheme (except SNP which is funded by the State) 100% funds are provided by the Government of India which releases fund for the scheme from time to time through a financial year. Provision is however made in anticipation of such release in the annual budget of the department, and allotments are issued by the latter to the Director, Social Welfare as per the availability of fund released by the Government of India.
In the year 2008-09 the Government of India has released an amount of Rs. 50,44,14,000 by the end of August, 2008.

**Componentwise progress details**

1. **Supplementary Nutrition Programme**

   Under this component children belonging to the 0-6 years age-group, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls are provided supplementary nutrition as per the nutritional and financial norms prescribed from time to time. Although an important part of the Centrally-sponsored ICDS scheme, the Supplementary Nutrition Programme is funded totally from the State's own resources. However, since 2005-06 the Government of India has been extending financial support to the State for this scheme at the rate of half of the financial norms laid down for various categories of beneficiaries or 50% of the actual expenditure on the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, whichever is less. In the financial year 2008-09 the budget provided by the State for the Supplementary Nutrition Programme is Rs. 2,00,10,00,000 out of which Rs. 2,00,10,00,000 have been sanctioned and allotted by the end of September, 2009. The sum expended so far under the scheme stands at Rs. 90,78,84,501. The Government of India has by August, 2008 released Rs. 32,38,96,000 in support of the scheme.

2. **ICDS Establishment**

   Under this component allotment is issued for the maintenance of all the 32343 Anganwadi Centres running in 204 Projects in the State as well as for the 10 District Programme Offices at Ranchi, Lohardaga, Gumla, East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, Palamu, Hazaribagh, Dhanbad, Dumka and Sahebgunj. The fund allotted covers the GOI part of honoraria payable to the Sevikas and Sahayikas at the rate of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 500 respectively. For this component the budget provision made in the 2008-09 budget is Rs. 1,23,20,81,000. Against this, an amount of Rs. 53,25,02,500 has so far been sanctioned and released. Out of the allotted amount Rs. 42,78,84,300 has been expended by the month of September, 2008.

3. **Innovative Scheme**

   This component of the ICDS scheme leaves scope to the States to design their own programme as per their local requirement. To implement this scheme the Directorate of Social Welfare has been asked to formulate an innovative programme for the welfare of women or children on completion of which the scheme will be implemented. For this scheme the budget provision in the year 2008-09 is Rs. 32,00,000.

4. **Medicine Kits**

   Under this component of the ICDS scheme medicine kits are to be provided at all the Anganwadi Centres for the children, adolescent girls and women. For this a sum of Rs.
1,94,00,000 has been provided in the budget of 2008-09. The whole amount has been sanctioned by the department and allotment has been issued to the Director, Social Welfare. However, this amount has not so far been utilized as the tender for the medicine kits have not yet been finalized.

5. Pre-School Kits

Under this component of the ICDS scheme pre-school kits are to be provided at all the Anganwadi Centres for the children under six years of age. For this scheme there is a provision of Rs. 1,62,00,000 in the budget of 2008-09. The whole amount has been sanctioned by the department and allotment has been issued to the Director, Social Welfare. Tenders are being finalized for the supply of the pre-school kits.

6. Publicity, Education & Communication

Under this component of the ICDS scheme awareness is generated through the electronic and print media about the various issues concerning the development of women and children. In the year 2008-09 the budget provision made for this scheme is Rs. 12,50,000. This whole amount has been sanctioned and allotment has been issued for the same to the Director, Social Welfare. So far information regarding expenditure made under this scheme has not been received from the Directorate.

(a) Financial progress at a glance (2008-09)

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