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Commissioner Women & Child Development,
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Block No. 20/1, Dr. Jivraj Maheta Bhavan, Gandhinagar-382010.
બ્લોક નં. ૨૦/૧. ડૉ. જીવરાજ મહેતા ભવન, ગાંધીનગર-૩૮૨૦૧૦.

Date: 24/3/2020

Respected Sir,

This is with reference to the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Suo Motu Writ Petition (C) No. 2/2020 on 18.03.2020 on the closure of Anganwadi's in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In reference to your letter, it is to bring to your kind notice that due to the impact of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the state, Children from 3 to 6 years of age are not attending Anganwadi centres (AWC) till 31/3/2020 as a precautionary measure in the state.

Considering this, it has been decided by the Gujarat Government to deliver Take Home Ration (THR) packets (as per the prescribed RDA) at home as an alternative to Hot Cook Meal. Children were provided THR for the portion of next 2 weeks to the 3-6 years AWC children from 18th March, 2020.

The children are provided with Balshakti THR to match up the HCM nutritional values of two weeks' consumption. According to schedule-2 of NFSA-2013, it is prescribed that the children aged 6 months- 6 years with normal weight shall be provided 500 K.cal and 12-15 gms of protein and, Severely underweight children shall be provided 800 K.cal and 20-25 gms of protein per day through THR or nutritious Hot Cooked Meal. Adhering to this guideline, each child is being provided with 4 packets of 500 gms of Balshakti for the 2 week period. The home delivery of the packets is being done by Anganwadi workers (AWW).

The THR for pregnant women, lactating mothers & adolescent girls for the current month has already been distributed among them as per schedule. Further it will be distributed for the next month as per the schedule.

The government of Gujarat has entrusted the responsibility of production and distribution of THR to District Dairy Union through the medium of Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF). GCMMF is producing Balshakti

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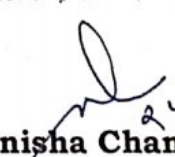
by running their plants. The produced stock is immediately being dispersed for distribution on daily basis (at war foot level). GCMMF had a stock of more than 1000 Metric ton, and the distribution of the same began from 18/3/2020 and shall be completed shortly. Considering that there might be a need to keep Anganwadis closed for a longer period, distribution of additional stock has already been planned.

GCMMF has set up a system to conduct online real time monitoring to make THR reach to all AWCs. The THR stock is allotted to AWW through One Time Password (OTP), or image (receipt) in case of network unavailability.

In addition, the AWWs have been given android/smart phones, which make their job a lot easier. Real time data entry into ICDS-CAS software is made accessible by these smart phones and the latest up-to-date information about the nutrition services can be monitored by the Department at the State level.

In this regard we have submitted remarks to our Advocate of Hon'ble Supreme Court so as to take necessary action to appraise the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely,

24/3/2020
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To,

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