

F.No. CW-III-PS/2/2023-US  
Government of India  
Ministry of Women & Child Development  
CW-III Division

313 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

To,  
The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries,  
WCD/SJE/Social Welfare  
(All States/UTs)

**Subject: PM CARES for children – approval of cases pending at DM and CWC level-reg.**

Madam/ Sir,

I am directed to state that the PM CARES for Children scheme was launched on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 for the children who have lost both the parents or legal guardian or Adopted Parents or Surviving Parent to COVID-19 pandemic during the period starting from 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023. The objective of the Scheme is to ensure comprehensive care and protection of children in a sustained manner, enable their wellbeing through health insurance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support on attaining the age of 23 years.

2. As per PM CARES guidelines, the District Magistrates (DMs) shall identify the beneficiaries with the assistance of Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU). After satisfying themselves regarding the authenticity of the beneficiary, she/ he will verify and confirm the details of the child on the PM CARES for Children portal.

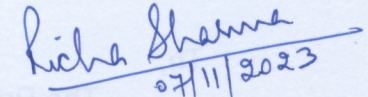
3. It has been observed (on PM CARES Portal) that 69 applications are pending at the end of District Magistrate level and 4 applications are pending at the end of CWC level.

4. In this regard, it is requested to issue necessary directions to all concerned DMs and CWC to take appropriate action for disposal of these pending applications by end of **November, 2023** so that further approval of Prime Minister's Office may be taken in r/o eligible cases to ensure comprehensive care and support to the children under PM CARES for Children Scheme in a sustained manner.



5. An action taken report may also be shared via e-mail at [cw3division-mwcd@gov.in](mailto:cw3division-mwcd@gov.in).

Yours faithfully,

  
(Richa Sharma)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

**Copy for information and necessary action to:**

District Magistrates

(All concerned States/ UTs)