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Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development

D.O. NO. CW-II-11/3/2021

25th February, 2022

Dear Chief Secretary,

In continuation of D.O. letter of even number dated 21.02.2022 regarding updation of data on PM CARES for Children Scheme portal by 3rd March 2022, I would like to draw attention towards para-6 of the PM CARES for Children Scheme Guidelines dated 05.10.2021.

2. As per Para 6 (f) of the above said Guidelines of Scheme which *inter-alia* mentions that approved children under PM CARES Scheme are eligible for benefits under Child Protection Services Scheme. The relevant sub-para is as under :

For non-institutional care, financial support at the prevailing rates prescribed under the Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme shall be provided to Children (in account with guardian). For child in institutional care, a maintenance grant at the prevailing rates prescribed under the Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme shall be given to Child Care Institutions. Any provision for subsistence support under the State scheme may also be provided additionally to the children.

In this regard the earlier communication dated 03.09.2021 of this Ministry is **enclosed**.

3. States are also allowed to re-appropriate funds from districts having excess of funds, to the districts reporting shortfall of funds, for purpose of extending benefits under Institutional and Non-Institutional Care at State/UT level in the Current FY 2021-22. *In case of insufficiency of funds even after re-appropriation, additional funds should be sought from Gol by the States/UTs for which the proposal may be sent to us.*

4. In view of the above, it is requested that the concerned District Magistrates be instructed to extend the benefits of Institutional Care and Non-Institutional Care services like Sponsorship/Foster care under CPS for approved Children under PM CARES for Children Scheme from the date of approval of beneficiary in PM CARES for Children Portal.

5. I shall be grateful, if you could personally monitor the progress of sanction of benefits to the children and ensure complete data entry of all beneficiaries in the PM CARES for Children portal. This would greatly facilitate assistance to such needy children.

With regards,

Yours sincerely
Sd/-

Encl: As above.

(Indevar Pandey)

Chief Secretaries of all States/Administrators of Union Territories

Copy to:

- ✓ 1. ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary of WCD Department of States/UTs.
2. All District Magistrates/Deputy Commissioners having PM CARES for Children Beneficiaries.

(Indevar Pandey)

CW-II/5/2020-CW-II
Government of India
Ministry of Women and Child Development
(Child Welfare-II Section)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 3rd September, 2021

To,

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

Sub: Extending benefits under CPS Scheme to Children who have lost both parents due to COVID 19-reg

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer D.O No. CW-II/5/2020-CW-II dated 30.04.2021 wherein it was requested that immediate action may be taken for rehabilitation of COVID orphaned children in accordance with the provisions of the JJ Act, 2015 and rules there under, while leveraging the facilities funded under the scheme for Child protection Services. It was also intimated to all States/UTs that the CWC's shall ascertain the immediate need of the child and pass appropriate orders for rehabilitation of the Child (Section 37 of the Act), either to restore the child to care givers or place her/him in Institutional or non-Institutional care, on case to case basis,

2. Under section 2(14) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (hereinafter mentioned as the Act), children without parents or care givers are defined as children in need of care and protection. The Act and Rules made thereunder mandate a safety net of service delivery structures along with institutional and non-institutional care for these children. It also prescribes detailed Standard Operating procedure for rehabilitation of such children.

3. In this connection it is requested to extend the benefits like Sponsorship and Foster Care facilities under Child Protection Services Scheme for providing relief to the children who have lost both parents due to COVID 19 pandemic on priority. All such children who are eligible under PM CARES for Children should be provided such benefit within one month.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



(Samir Sinha)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy Forwarded to: All District Magistrates- for covering all eligible children under PM CARES for Children under CPS Scheme within a month