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Dear Secretary,



Kindly refer to D.O.No.M-13040/36/2007-SP-Coord., dated 11.10.2007 from Member-Secretary, Planning Commission and subsequent letter to that effect dated 29.10.2007, regarding the proposal for the State/UT Annual Plan 2008-09. I would like to mention that the proposal for the Annual Plan should also have the required details of the Women Component Plan and Gender Budgeting which are effective strategies for gender mainstreaming in our development initiatives. The plan proposals of your states should accordingly duly reflect on the Women Component Plan and Gender Budgeting initiatives by the state in the Chapter on Empowerment of Women and Development of Children. A set of broad guidelines to that effect was already conveyed to the Secretary, In-charge of Women and Child Development in your State vide Planning Commission's D.O.No.M-13044/50/2006-SD&WP dated 6.11.2006 at the time of inviting the proposal for the Annual Plan 2007-08 (copy enclosed). We would again request that these guidelines should be duly taken into account while formulating Chapter on Empowerment of Women and Development of Children and submitting the proposal for Annual Plan 2008-09 by your State/UT. I would also request you to kindly share this letter with Secretary, In-charge of Women and Child Development in your State/UT for necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Dear...

You are aware that at the Central level we are in the process of formulation of the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan and Annual Plan 2007-08. States and UTs in this context are also required to formulate their respective 11<sup>th</sup> Plan and submit their proposal to Planning Commission for Annual Plan 2007-08.

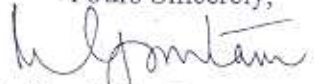
2. The past experience suggests that in many States /UTs the proposal for Women and Child Development sector remains clubbed with the Social Welfare sector, implying thereby that women and children continue to be objects of welfare. However, you would appreciate that there has been a major shift in approach in planning process towards women and children. Women are now accepted agents of development and empowerment of women is a prime focus of our planning process at present. Similarly rights-based approach has been the focus of integrated development of our children at present.

3. In view of the above it is highly imperative that Women and Child Development sector in States / UTs 11<sup>th</sup> Plan and Annual Plan also needs to be mainstreamed and proposal for the sector are presented separately. I would therefore request you to kindly ensure that the following are taken care of while Annual Plan 2007-08 of your State / UT is formulated and submitted to Planning Commission for consideration.

- ❖ WCD sector should have an exclusive chapter both in the State/UT 11<sup>th</sup> Plan and Annual Plan 2007-08.
- ❖ The chapter, to the extent possible highlight the stated policy and strategy of your State/UT towards empowerment of women and child development.
- ❖ The chapter should have scheme-wise details of year of inception, objectives, physical and financial targets for the year along with physical and financial achievements of the previous year.
- ❖ All the schemes related to child protection, juvenile justice and institutions under the Juvenile Justice Act should be moved from Social Welfare sector to Women and Child Development sector as child protection and juvenile-related issues have been transferred from the Ministry of Social Justice to M/WCD.
- ❖ Proposal for Supplementary Nutrition under ICDS should be included in the Women and Child Development chapter.

- ❖ The chapter should have details of major activities carried out by the State Commission for Women, Women Development Corporation, State Social Welfare Board and State Commission for protection of child rights along with the details of State Sector Schemes implemented by them.
- ❖ Detailed information about the implementation of the Central Sector Schemes as well as Centrally Sponsored Schemes also be incorporated in the chapter.
- ❖ The chapter on Women and Child Development should include proposal for Swawlamban (NORAD) which was earlier a Central Sector Scheme, but has been transferred to States/ UTs w.e.f. 2005-06.
- ❖ Pre-school education related scheme if any, should also be shifted from education sector to WCD sector.
- ❖ Pension scheme other than the one related to women should not be covered in WCD sector. Such scheme should be part of the Social Welfare sector.
- ❖ Skill development and income generation related scheme for women must be given priority in the sector.
- ✓❖ It should be ensured that Gender Budgeting should be made a part of the planning process.
- ✓❖ It should also be ensured that the chapter should have a separate section for Women Component Plan (WCP) with details of funds / benefits earmarked for women in the women-related programmes / schemes of other departments.
- ❖ The chapter should clearly indicate the outlay required for the WCD sector under the State Annual Plan.

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Ms. Manjulika Gautam)

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Pr. Secretary/Secretary  
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