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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

[G.O. Ms. No. 01/2019-WCD(SW-IV), Puducherry, dated 4th January 2019]

NOTIFICATION

The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, has approved Pan-India implementation of Maternity Benefit Programme (MBP) – "Prathan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)" Scheme with effect from 01-01-2017. The Scheme envisages providing cash incentive amounting to \gtrless 5,000 directly into the Bank Account of Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW & LM) for the first living child of the family subject to their fulfilling specific conditions related to maternal and child health to partly compensate for wage loss to mothers/women during pregnancy and period of lactation. 2. The Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, has requested the State Governments to constitute the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) for approving expenditure out of Flexi-funds of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) Scheme in the Union territory of Puducherry.

Guidelines of Flexi – Fund

Objectives

- (a) To provide flexibility to States/Union Territories to meet local needs and requirements within the overall objective of any given Scheme at the sub-head level;
- (b) To pilot innovation to improve efficiency within the overall objective of any given Scheme at the sub-head level;
- (c) To undertake mitigation/restoration activities in case of natural calamities, or to satisfy local requirements in areas affected by internal security disturbances.

Use of Flexi-funds is subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Funds released shall be utilized strictly as per the Guidelines issued by the Department of Expenditure *vide* its O.M. No. 55(5)/PF-11/2011, dated 6-9-2016 but, within the overall limit of the budget provided under the Programme.
- (b) Funds should not be used to substitute State's own Schemes and project expenditures.
- (c) Funds should also not be used for construction/repair of offices/ residences for Government officials, general publicity, purchase of vehicle/furniture for offices, distribution of consumer durables/ non-durables, incentives/rewards for staff and other unproductive expenditure.
- (d) The Union Territory should constitute a State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) to sanction projects or activities under the Flexi-fund component. The participation of the MWCD would be mandatory in the SLSC before the Flexi-funds facility is invoked under the Scheme.

3. Therefore, approval of the Lieutenant-Governor is accorded to constitute a State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) comprising of the following Members namely:-

Chief Secretary	 Chairman
Secretary to Government (Welfare)	 Vice- Chairman
Secretary to Government (Finance)	 Member
Secretary to Government (Health)	 Member
Director, Prathan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana or in his absence, Under Secretary, Prathan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana will be the representative from Central Government.	 Member

Director, Health and Family Welfare Services	Member
State Nodal Officer, Prathan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.	Member
Programme Officer, Integrated Child Development Services Scheme, Department of Women and Child Development.	Member
Director, Department of Women and Child Development.	Member- Secretary.

4. The State Level Sanctioning Committee will *inter alia* be responsible for –

- (i) examining and sanctioning of projects under the Flexi-fund component of the Prathan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana Scheme.
- (ii) monitoring the progress of the sanctioned Projects/Schemes.
- (iii) reviewing the implementation of the Scheme objectives and ensure that the programmes are implemented in accordance with the Guidelines laid down.
- (iv) ensuring that no duplication of efforts or resources takes place.

5. The State Level Sanctioning Committee shall meet as and when required, but, shall meet at least once in a quarter.

6. The Department should furnish Utilization Certificate in respect of the Grants-in-aid released as per the provisions contained in GFR, 2017.

7. The Department should maintain separate records of expenditure incurred for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and furnish separate Statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificate alongwith Physical Progress Report every quarter.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

S. YESVANTHAIYAH, Under Secretary to Government (Women and Child Development).