

Guidelines for Provision of POL (Petrol, Oil and Lubricants) at Various Levels under the Integrated Child Development Services (General) Scheme

1. Under the Centrally-sponsored ICDS Scheme, provision for POL is made for meeting the operative and maintenance expenditure of vehicles at CDPOs' Office, District Programme Officers' Office and State/UT ICDS Cells.
2. The norms for POL were last fixed and made effective from the year 2000. As per the existing norms, the upper limit of expenditure on POL for various levels are as under:-

Existing Norms:

Sl.No.	Level	Rs. Per Annum
1.	CDPO Office	50,000/-
2.	District Programme Officers' Office	50,000/-
3.	State/UT ICDS Cell	60,000/-

3. Taking into account the increase in cost over the years, it has been decided to revise the financial norms for POL as under. These would be effective from 1.4.2009.

Revised Norms:

Sl.No.	Level	Rs. Per Annum
1.	CDPO Office	Rs. 1,25,000/-
2.	District Programme Officers' Office	Rs. 1,20,000/-
3.	State/UT ICDS Cell	Rs. 1,20,000/-

4. The following broad guidelines may be followed by State Governments/UT Administrations regarding POL:-

4.1 The POL is exclusively meant for operating and maintenance of the vehicles provided by Government of India/UNICEF/State Governments/UT Administrations under the Centrally-sponsored ICDS Scheme. Thus, the provision for POL is to be utilized for ICDS work only.

4.2 Even though norms have been specified for each level, State Governments/UT Administrations may reallocate the POL amount at project level, district level and State/UT level, keeping the overall limit intact. Thus, for example, if a State/UT has 1 State/UT cell, 10 District Programme Offices and 50 CDPO offices, then the total amount available for POL for the entire State/UT would be Rs. 75,70,000/- as per above norms, which may be reallocated amongst Project/District/State/UT level by the State Government/UT Administration. However, the reallocation should be judicious and reasonable.

5. The Government releases funds to State Governments/UT Administrations for implementation of the Centrally-sponsored ICDS Scheme. The expenditure on POL at the revised norms, may be met out of the funds released to State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time.

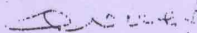
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3. The sharing pattern of supplementary nutrition in respect of North Eastern States between Centre and States will be changed from 50:50 to 90:10 ratio from the financial year 2009-10. So far as other States/UTs are concerned, the existing sharing pattern of 50:50 will continue. However, for 2008-09, releases will continue at 50:50 for SNP for all States as per existing pattern of financial assistance.
4. The States/UTs are to make adequate budget provision in their annual budget for the current and subsequent financial year, based on the revised financial norms, number and category of supplementary nutrition beneficiaries.
5. The Central assistance would be released, normally, in four or more instalments on quarterly basis each year after receiving relevant Statements of Expenditure.
6. The detailed guidelines will be issued separately, including review of calorific norms and type of nutrition.
7. Receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully


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