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Government of West Bengal Department of Women & Child Development & Social Welfare Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-1

No.9067-SW/3S-126/07

Dated 02.11.2011

MEMORANDUM

Inhas since been brought to the notice of the Govt. in the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare that a number of Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers contested the last West Bengal Legislative Assembly General Election and some of them have been elected to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. The Anganwadi Centres remain open for a minimum period of 4 hours a day. Thereafter the Anganwadi Workers have to make home visits and organize mothers" meetings and attend monthly meetings convened by the ANMs.

After careful consideration of the matter of smooth functioning of the Anganwadi Centres, the undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the Governor is pleased to make the following provisions for the elected Members of the Legislative Assemblies who are posted as Anganwadi Workers / Anganwadi Helpers:-

- The Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers who have been elected as Members of Legislative Assemblies will submit prayer for leave without honorarium to the respective Child Development Project Officers.
- 2) Such Anganwadi Workers / Anganwadi Helpers will select their respective substitutes, who are eligible for appointment as Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers in normal cases to be appointed as Anganwadi Workers / Anganwadi Helpers during the period of their leave.
- Selection of the substitutes will not require the approval of the Selection Committees.

- 4) CDPOs will issue appointment letters to such substitutes with the condition that their appointments will be purely on temporary basis and their appointments will be terminated after five years or till the Anganwadi Workers / Anganwadi Helpers who have been elected as Members of Legislative Assemblies resume their duties before the tenure of five years in case of resignation from the post of MLAs. The substitutes will have no future claim for being absorbed as regular Anganwadi Workers / Anganwadi Helpers.
- 5) During the period of leave of the Anganwadi Workers / Anganwadi Helpers who have been elected as MLAs, honorarium will be drawn and disbursed in favour of the substitutes.

This order will come into effect forthwith.

S P Kar
Joint Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

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- 1. The Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department
- 2. The Director of Social Welfare, West Bengal
- 3. The District Magistrate,
- 4. The District Programme Officer(ICDS)......

He / she is requested to circulate a copy of this Memorandum to the CDPO of his/her district.

- 4. The PS to the Minister-in-Charge of this Department.
- 5. The PA to Secretary of this Department
- 6. ICDS Cell of this Department

Joint Secretary