

Guideline for Collocation of Anganwadi Centre in Schools

At present 119481 Anganwadi Centres are operational in West Bengal of which more than fifty percent of Centres are located in own buildings, but still nearly 58000 Anganwadi Centres are functioning from rented accommodation or Community Building with some not even having separate toilet/drinking water facility or kitchen . Therefore this exercise of collocation is being undertaken so as to create an enabling environment to beneficiaries of Anganwadi Centre.

OBJECTIVE :

- To colocate Anganwadi Centres without own building in nearby identified schools within 500 metres to 1 kilometre distance.
- To create necessary awareness among beneficiaries about need to shift.

Methodology :

- Formation of District Level Committee
- Training of DPO (ICDS) & DEO, Samagra Shiksha Mission
- Visit of identified Anganwadi Centres and School by Joint Teams
- Submission of filled up format
- Holding of Meeting with beneficiaries/School Management Committee for ascertaining feasibility

Data to be used :

- The survey data of Anganwadi Centres and schools identified by ICDS field functionaries and School Education Department Field Officials (Annex-I).

Planning and Execution :

- To begin with, it is to be borne in mind that the entire collocation exercise is being conducted in order to provide better services through Anganwadi Centres to its beneficiaries through improved infrastructure facility with enabling environment necessary for growth and learning without causing unnecessary inconvenience to the Beneficiaries. Therefore, it is mandatory that entire exercise is supervised by senior officials at District level and joint inspection are done by officials not below the rank of CDPO and Sub-Inspector of Schools in order to understand feasibility of collocation.

A District Level Committee will supervise the entire process and ensure timely completion of this exercise. The team will consist of –

- ADM in charge of ICDS
- ADM in charge of SED
- SDO (S)
- DP & RDO
- DPO ICDS – Convenor
- DEO Samagra Siksha Mission
- DI of Schools

- 1) District Level Committee to be formed immediately on receipt of these guidelines.

- 2) ADM, DPO ICDS and DEO SSM will be briefed by Director of ICDS and SPD, SSM about modalities of joint inspection.
- 3) Training of CDPO and Sub-Inspector of Schools to be conducted in time bound manner. The list of identified Anganwadi Centre and School to be shared by District Level Committee with BDOs.
- 4) BDOs will share the list with CDPO and Sub-Inspector of School for timely completion of joint inspection of Anganwadi Centre and identified school for colocation.
- 5) Joint Inspection will be done by CDPO and Sub-Inspector of School and reports to be submitted to the BDO on day to day basis about the number of inspections completed.
- 6) Once Anganwadi Centres found feasible for shifting, have been listed by CDPO and Sub-Inspector of Schools, the meeting with beneficiaries of the concerned Anganwadi Centre is to be organised to ensure that beneficiaries have no objection on proposed shifting of Anganwadi Centre and its timings. Resolution with signature of all adult beneficiaries to be drawn up by CDPOs/SI of Schools. Similarly in school, meeting with Management Committee has to be organised and resolution to be made for same.
- 7) Both CDPO and Sub-Inspector of School will be present during the meeting with Beneficiaries and with Management Committee.
- 8) Once the exercise is completed, the report in the given format and with remark of. "no objection by beneficiaries and Management Committee" needs to be given to the BDO of the concerned Project.
- 9) Further cases where shifting of Anganwadi Centre has not been possible due to issues within community or want of infrastructure like toilet or drinking water etc. need to be resolved at BDO's end with the help of Gram Panchayet.
- 10) The final list with attached Format will be submitted by BDO to SDO concerned who in turn will place it before District Level Committee.

The filled-up format report (Annexure II) after shifting of AWC in identified school with due approval of District Level Committee will be sent to the office of the Directorate of ICDS for information only. .

Timeline :

Formation of District Level Committee – 1st December,, 2022

Training of DPO & DEO's – 1st December, 2022

Training of CDPO and Sub-Inspector – by 4th December, 2022

Joint Inspection by CDPO & School Inspector and – 15 December,, 2022

Meeting with Beneficiaries

Compilation of report at BDO end – 20 December, 2022

Joint Inspection Report be placed at District Level Committee – 22nd December, 2022

Shifting of Anganwadi Centres in schools – By 5th January, 2023

Points to be noted :

- Only Anganwadi Centre run in Rented premises, Community Building etc. i.e. other than own building to be taken up in this exercise.
- Anganwadi Centre beyond 1 kilometre should not be shifted.
- Timing of Anganwadi Centre should be coordinated in such a way that causes no inconvenience to beneficiaries and students of school.
- Shifting of centres to school should be proposed only when such shifting results in better infrastructure for Anganwadi Centre.

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