

Government of Odisha

Department of Women & Child Development

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From

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Director, ICDS & SW

To

District Collectors,
[Bolangir/Dhenkanal/Gajapati/Kalahandi/Kandhamal/Koraput/Malkangiri/Nawarangpur/Nuapada/Rayagada]

Sub: Procurement / Installation of components for upgradation under Saksham AWC

Ref : Department Letter No. 8236 dated 25.04.2023

Department Letter No. 5754 dated 23.03.2023

Madam/ Sir,

With regards to the strengthening and upgradation of Anganwadis, MWCD, GoI had released guidelines for **Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0** for the upgradation / rejuvenation of the existing AWCs to bolster the creative, social, emotional, cognitive and intellectual development of children under 6 years of age. Among the other components, the Guidelines also provide for the installation of modern infrastructure like LED TVs, Water Purifiers and other smart learning aids.

2. The Department had earlier communicated through Letter No. 8236 dated 25.04.2023, the detailed specifications / norms for different infrastructure items to be procured and installed in the AWCs located in the 10 Aspirational Districts of the State.

3. It is requested that all procurement to be done under the said Guidelines, in a manner that there is **no deviation from the specifications / norms** as mentioned in the Department Letter No. 8236 dated 25.04.2023.

4. Even when the procurement is done through GEM Portal, it is imperative that the **authenticity of the products / suppliers must be verified** in a rigorous manner to ensure the best quality products from reputed suppliers only are procured. Additionally, due diligence in the form of price benchmarking for the products be done.

It is requested to follow these instructions scrupulously.

Yours faithfully,


Director, ICDS & SW

Memo No. 21829 /WCD, Dt. 30-09-2023

Copy forwarded to concerned DSWOs for information and necessary action.


29/9/23
Under Secretary to Govt.