

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT,
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KASHMERE GATE, NEW DELHI-110006
(Administration Branch)

F. NO.17(43)/WCD/ADMN./MISC.MATTER/24/ 14496-03 DATED:

28 NOV 2024

ORDER

WHEREAS, an order dated 17.11.2024 was issued by the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & adjoining areas, which predicted that air quality would remain in the adverse range, and subsequent order was issued by GAD bearing no. F.No. 18/70/2024/GAD/Admn./51862 dated 20.11.2024 on implementation of actions under Stage-IV all the government offices functioning under Government of NCT of Delhi shall operate with 50% of staff strength and the remaining 50% staff will work from home.

Whereas, the Department of WCD had issued an order F.No.17(43)/WCD/ADMN./MISC.MATTER/24/13915-21 dated 22.11.2024 on implementation of 50% staff attendance and 50% to work from home, in some offices.

WHEREAS, Hon'ble Supreme Court, vide its order dated 25.11.2024 in WP(C) No. 13029 of 1985 titled as *M.C. Mehta vs. Union of India & Ors.* inter alia has directed the Commission for Air-Quality Management (CAQM) to consider –

'... grant of relaxation of actions in terms of clause 5 & 8 of stage IV measures (only in the relation to educational institutions) as well as clause 11 of stage III measures. The Commission may consider of grant of exemption to certain classes from the aforesaid actions./measures. The commission will have to consider the grant of relaxation/exemption as regards the actions under the force, three clauses for various reasons, including (i) A large number of students, being deprived of facility of midday meals as the school and Anganwadi are closed. (ii)'

WHEREAS, CAQM in compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court's directives has vide its order F.No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM-1112(DT) dated 25.11.2024 ordered with immediate effect until further orders –

'Clause 11 of GRAP stage-III, clause 5 of GRAP stage-IV and clause 8 of GRAP stage-IV (to the extent it relates to colleges/ educational institutions) are relaxed to the extent that state government in the NCR and the GNCTD shall ensure that all laws classes up to 12th standard in schools and those in colleges/educational institutions are conducted in a 'hybrid' mode i.e. both in physical and also in an online mode, wherever online mode is feasible in the territorial jurisdiction of the NCT of Delhi.....'

WHEREAS, in view of above orders the department issued order for resumption of services of Anganwadi centers w.e.f. 26.11.2024 which were closed w.e.f. 19.11.2024 leading to disruption of crucial services, particularly depriving children aged 3 to 6 years of essential supplementary nutrition, including morning snacks and hot cooked meals, which are vital for their growth and development.

Whereas, the department is running acute shortage of staff and further minimizing the attendance of staff will disrupt the implementation and monitoring of various schemes and services being implemented by the department.

Whereas, the department is also implementing various centrally sponsored schemes namely Mission Vatsalaya, Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan and running Child Care Institutions for Children & Women and also operating 10897 Anganwadi Centres which comes under the Essential Services including 24*7 Helpline support for safety and assistance to Children & Women.

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of safeguarding the well-being and development of children and ensuring the continuity of essential services and proper monitoring and smooth implementation of various schemes and services provided by the department, it is hereby directed that the order No. F.No.17(43)/WCD/ADMN/MISC.MATTER/24/13915-21 dated 22.11.2024 on implementation of 50% staff attendance stands withdrawn with immediate effect.

This order is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


Deputy Director (Admin)

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