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To

**The District Magistrate(s),**

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Malda/ Murshidabad/ Nadia/ Birbhum/ Bankura/ Purulia/ Paschim Medinipur/ Purba Medinipur/  
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Parganas

**The Additional Director of ICDS**

West Bengal

**Sub: Installation of LPG in Anganwadi Centers**

Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you that Finance Department vide U.O. No. Group E/2020-2021/0037 dated 19/01/2021 has approved the installation of LPG in the Anganwadi Centers. The salient features of this approval are:

- A. Every AWC would be equipped with a non-subsidised LP Gas – 2 cylinders connection. (14.2 Kg per cylinder)
- B. One-time installation cost of Rs. 8951/- per AWC will be allotted for acquiring the equipments and other related costs namely, Gas Oven, pipe and valve, fire extinguisher, Security Deposit for double cylinder, Security Deposit for Regulator and Administrative Charges.

Now, in order to process the use of LPG in AWC, following steps need to be taken from your end:

- (1) The District Magistrate would call a meeting with all the LPG distributors of the district so as to:
  - (a) ensure availability of non-subsidised two LPG cylinders for each and every AWC in the district.

- (b) While doing this meeting, it should be made clear to the LPG distributors that this connection will be a 'bulk connection' where the connection would be in the name of the CDPO of the Project whereas LPG cylinders are to be supplied at multiple points located at each of the AWCs under that Project.
- (c) The method of depositing one-time fixed amount for the connection of LPG should be discussed with the LPG distributors. If it can be given centrally by the CDPO, guideline would be issued based on your feedback.
- (d) The delivery of the cylinder will be made to the specific AWC.
- (e) The process of tagging of the AWCs with the LPG distributors as per geographical convenience and with area of operation of those distributors may be done thereafter.
- (f) In normal domestic connection, the cylinder is booked through online / designated app / voice call from a particular mobile number assigned specifically to that household. But in this case, the connection is in single name, i.e., the CDPO with the single mobile number. So how this multiple requisitions be placed may also be discussed with the LPG distributors. (The mobile no. of the AWW/AWH cannot be used in this case as she may also have a connection in her home in that mobile number.)
- (2) Subsequently, the AWWs will place the requisition of cylinder on monthly basis (or as per consumption) either through the CDPO or to the distributor directly. This will be decided later by the Department depending on the feedback received from you all.
- (3) The fire and safety norms must be explicitly mentioned and ensured before installation of LPG. A raised cooking platform is essential for cooking in LPG: this must be ensured at the kitchen of every AWC. Along with this, provision of dry chemical cylinder, fire extinguisher must be ensured at the AWCs. The matter may be discussed with the representative of Fire and Emergency Services' department of the district. The fire and safety norms are enclosed herewith in this letter.
- (4) The issue of avoiding any misuse of the LPG connection and the safe custody of the cylinders and oven needs to be ensured for the AWCs located in private houses / clubs etc where the proper facility of locking the AWC is not possible

You are requested to hold this meeting well within next 15 days so that your feedback can be taken by this Department for future course of action.

Yours faithfully,



Director of ICDS  
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