F.No. 24(35)/PF-II/2012
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure
Public Finance Central – II

North Block, New Delhi Dated: 10/05/2018

Office Memorandum

Subject: Modifications to Department of Expenditure O.M. No. 24(35)/PF-II/2012 dated 05 August, 2016, so as to incorporate the concerns of child welfare-Reg.

- 1) Children under the age of 18 constitute 40% of India's population. They represent not just India's future, but are integral to securing India's present. Yet, development indicators continue to show slow progress towards securing their welfare and delivering their basic rights. Keeping the above in view, Inter-Ministerial Consultation on Gender and Child Budgeting was held by EAC to PM on 18th December, 2017. Further, a meeting was held on Gender and Child Budgeting wherein the representatives of PFC-II, Budget Division (DEA), Ministry of Women and Child Development and Niti Aayog were present. Based on the above, Ministry of Women and Child Development has desired Department of Expenditure to modify its O.M. dated 05th August, 2016 so that the dimension of child welfare is also evaluated while formulating the schemes/projects.
- 2) The undersigned is directed to refer to Department of Expenditure O.M. No. 24(35)/PF-II/2012 dated 05 August, 2016. The following modifications/changes as mentioned below are made to the O.M., to incorporate the concerns of child welfare in Department of Expenditure O.M. No. 24(35)/PF-II/2012 dated 05 August, 2016-{Appraisal and Approval of public funded schemes and projects (except matters required to be placed before the CCS)}, Annexure IV A (Format for EFC/SFC Memorandum for appraisal of schemes) page 11, point 3 (Target Beneficiaries) sub point 3.3, which currently reads as follows:
- a) "3.3 If the scheme has any gender balance aspect or components specifically directed at the welfare of women, please bring them out clearly?"

Sub point 3.3 referred above, shall stand amended/modified and read as follows to incorporate the dimension of child welfare:

"3.3 - If the scheme has any gender balance and /or child welfare aspect or components specifically directed at the welfare of women and/or children, please bring them out clearly. It may also be clearly stated as to how the scheme design is sensitive to the needs of women and children, even if the scheme targets general population."

- b) A new sub para 2.4 on special interventions proposed to meet the needs of Persons with Disabilities was added to the O.M. vide DoE O.M. No 24(35)/PF-II/2012 dtd 3rd April, 2018. In addition to that, a new sub-para 2.5 in section 2 of Annexure IV B has now been inserted - Format for PIB/DIB Memorandum for appraisal of projects, as under:
 - "2.5 If the project has any gender balance and /or child welfare aspect or components specifically directed at the welfare of women and/or children, please bring them out clearly. It may also be clearly stated as to how the project design is sensitive to the needs of women and children, if it serves the general population."
- 3) EFC/SFC/PIB/DIB memorandums submitted to Department of Expenditure for appraisal of schemes may invariably comply with the above changes, so that the dimension of child welfare and impact on children is also evaluated while formulating the schemes/projects.
- 4. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

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