

GB-15/1/2019-Gender Budgeting
Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development
(Gender Budgeting Division)

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Dated: 3rd October 2024

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Record of Discussion of the meeting with select Central Ministries/Departments to review and discuss steps to strengthen reporting in the Gender Budget Statement in FY 2025-26 held on 23.9.2024 – Regarding

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith Record of Discussions of the meeting held on 23rd September 2024 at 3.00 PM (Venue: Conference Hall, 6th Floor, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan) under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development for necessary information and action.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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Encl. As above.

To
Secretaries (15 Ministries/Departments) - As per the list

Copy for information to:

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary, MWCD
2. PPS to Additional Secretary (GB), MWCD

List of Ministries/Departments

1. Department of Biotechnology
2. Ministry of Cooperation
3. Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region
4. Department of Financial Services
5. Department of Food and Public Distribution
6. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
7. Ministry of Heavy Industries
8. Department of Pharmaceuticals
9. NITI Aayog
10. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
11. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
12. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
13. Department of Telecommunications
14. Ministry of Railways
15. Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation

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The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) as the nodal Ministry for Gender Budgeting convened a meeting with select Central Ministries/Departments on 23rd September 2024 at 3.00 PM (Venue: Conference Hall, 6th Floor, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan) to review and discuss steps to strengthen reporting in the Gender Budget Statement in FY 2025-26. The meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Shri Anil Malik, Secretary (WCD) and attended by Senior Officers from 15 Ministries/Departments. List of participants is placed at **Annex-1**.

2. At the outset, Shri Gyanesh Bharti, Additional Secretary, MWCD welcomed the Officers from the Central Ministries/Departments and outlined the purpose of the meeting. He informed that the Budget Circular for FY 2025-26 issued by Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) dated 17th Sept 2024 *inter-alia* provides instructions for preparing a Gender Budget Statement viz. Statement 13 in the prescribed format. He also informed that till last year, Statement 13 had two parts viz., Part A for 100% women specific schemes and Part B for schemes having 30% and above allocation for women. In FY 2024-25, the format has been revised and Part C has been introduced to include all those schemes having less than 30% of the allocations for women. Inclusion of Part C in the GBS is expected to holistically reflect the allocations for women by the Government and its commitment towards gender equality and women empowerment.

3. It was informed that during FY 2024-25, a total of 38 Ministries/Departments and 5 UTs have reported an allocation of Rs. 3.27 lakh crore in the GBS which is an increase of 37.3% over the allocation of Rs. 2.38 lakh crore in FY 2023-24. The share of Gender Budget in the total Union Budget has increased to 6.8% in 2024-25 from 5.3% in FY 2023-24. However, there seems to be larger potential to enhance reporting of allocations for women in the GBS.

4. It was also informed that MWCD has identified a total of 22 Ministries/Department who have not reported in the GBS this year and have potential to report in FY 2025-26. Out of which 18 Ministries/Departments have been invited for the meeting. He called upon the Representatives of the Ministries/Departments to review their schemes specially those which are having significant bearing on welfare of women and ensure reporting of allocations in the GBS for FY 2025-26. Gender Budgeting Division, MWCD will provide hand-holding support to the Ministries/Departments during preparation of the GBS for FY 2025-26 as and when required.

5. Addressing the participants, Shri Anil Malik, Secretary (WCD) stated that the Government of India puts highest emphasis on women led development. In this context, Gender Budgeting is an important tool to highlight the outlays under various schemes which have direct or indirect impact on women. Gender Budgeting helps in reprioritizing the expenditure and allocation of adequate budgets to address the gender gaps under the schemes. He emphasised that even if allocations for women are not earmarked in a specific scheme, an estimate of women beneficiaries either based on gender data or using some other mechanism e.g. population census data, can be made, and accordingly allocations can be apportioned to report in the GBS for FY 2025-26. This will reflect Govt. of India's overall allocations for the welfare of women, which seem to be still underreported.

6. A brief presentation was made highlighting the relevant excerpts from the Budget Circular for FY 2025-26 on Gender Budget Statement and Ministry/Department-wise major schemes which have potential for reporting allocations in the GBS. Following this, deliberations were held with the Representatives of the participating Ministries/Departments. Summary of the discussions are as under:

- i. **D/o Biotechnology:** Representative from the Department informed that based on the past few years' data on women beneficiaries who receive scholarship/fellowships under Biotechnology Research & Development scheme, an estimate of women beneficiaries can be made and proportionate allocation can be reported in the GBS for FY 2025-26. It was clarified that on account of inclusion of Part C in the GBS format, any amount of allocation benefiting women or girls can be reported in the GBS.
- ii. **M/o Cooperation:** Representative of the Ministry stated that their schemes are presently related to IT infrastructure upgradation e.g. Computerization of PACS which cannot be reported in the GBS. The Ministry will ensure reporting of GBS allocations in any future scheme that may have women beneficiaries.
- iii. **D/o Development of North Eastern Region:** Representative of the Department highlighted that their two major schemes viz. North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) and Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE) are primarily focused on infrastructure development in the North-East, and there is no women specific component. However Schemes of NE Council may be looked into for feasibility of reporting allocation in the GBS after ascertaining the information from the NE Council.
- iv. **D/o Financial Services:** Representative of the Department informed that all their schemes are administered by Financial Institutions and are subscription-based. Atal Pension Yojana benefits around 47% of women; but is not currently reported in the GBS. It was suggested that proportionate allocation may be reflected in the GBS for FY 2025-26.

- v. **D/o Food & Public Distribution:** Representative of the Department informed that their flagship scheme of *Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana* (PMGKAY) having over 2 lakh crore budget in FY 2024-25 is not reported in the GBS. The provision of free food grains under PMGKAY for next five years with effect from 1st January 2024 is towards addressing National Food and Nutrition Security to remove the financial burden of the poor and the poorest of the poor. The scheme is subsidy based and implemented by the States/UTs for which GoI provides subsidy to the FCI for supply of food grains under the scheme. There is also no beneficiary data available with DoF&PD. The existing centralized "Integrated Management of Public Distribution System" (IM-PDS) is integrated with the State/UT MIS, however, beneficiary data is not available. It was suggested that since Ration cards have beneficiary details and data of which is available with the States/UTs, the Department may compile the aggregated number of beneficiaries to make an estimate of women beneficiaries to apportion the allocation for reporting in the GBS. It was agreed that Gender Budgeting Division of the Ministry will provide necessary support to the Department in this regard as and when required.
- vi. **M/o Heavy Industries:** Representative from the Ministry informed that the Scheme for Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid and) Electric Vehicle in India - (FAME - India) does not maintain buyers data by gender. The subsidy under the scheme is provided to the manufacturing companies.
- vii. **D/o Pharmaceuticals:** Representative from the Department informed that under the scheme of National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs) scholarships given to the student's in the last 3-5 years may be looked into for reporting in the GBS. In respect of Jan Aushadhi Scheme it was informed that one time incentive is given as capital expenditure for establishing Jan Aushadhi Centre.
- viii. **NITI Aayog:** Representative from the Ministry informed that gender disaggregated data with respect to (i) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) including Self Employment and Talent Utilization (SETU) and (ii) Official Development Assistance for Sustainable Development Goals (EAP Component) will be collected and accordingly proportionate may be reported in the GBS.
- ix. **M/o Ports, Shipping and Waterways:** Representative from the Ministry informed that in respect of Indian Maritime University, gender disaggregated data of the students enrolled can be collected and a proportion of the allocation may be reported in the GBS.
- x. **M/o Food Processing Industries:** Representative from the Ministry informed under the Production-Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry, financial assistance is given to Food manufacturing entities with stipulated minimum sales and willing to make minimum stipulated investment for expansion of processing capacity and Branding abroad to incentivise

emergence of strong Indian brands. This scheme can be reported in the GBS. However, under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises, data on women entrepreneurs/SHGs can be collected and proportionate allocation may be reported in the GBS.

- xi. **Deptt. for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT):** Representative from the Department requested the Ministry to hand-hold their various programme divisions on gender budgeting issues. It was that under the Startup India initiative, the funds allocated to women led start-ups and for activities to train/ promote women entrepreneurs, a proportion of the allocation may be reported in the GBS.
 - xii. **M/o Railways:** Representative from the Ministry informed that they have estimated the allocations both under Part A and Par B of the GBS in respect of (i) Customer Amenities; and (ii) Nirbhaya Fund which may be reported in the GBS for FY 2025-26
 - xiii. **D/o Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation:** Representative from the Department informed that under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, three components have been identified allocations of which may be reported in the GBS for FY 2025-26.
 - xiv. **M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation:** Representative of the Ministry informed that beneficiary data is not readily available in respect of the MPLAD scheme. However, under the capacity development programme, gender disaggregated data can be compiled and a proportionate allocation may be reported in the GBS.
 - xv. **D/o Telecommunication:** Representative of the Department informed that majority of their spending is in the form of capital expenditure; hence they are unable to report in the GBS. It was informed that a new project is being developed under which a portion of allocation may get reported in the GBS.
7. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to chair.

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Annex-1: List of Participants

| Sl. No. | Ministry/Department | Sl. No. | Name and Designation |
|----------------|--|----------------|---|
| 1. | M/o Women & Child Development | 1. | Shri Anil Malik, Secretary, MWCD - <i>Chair</i> |
| | | 2. | Shri Gyanesh Bharti, Additional Secretary |
| | | 3. | Dr. Saroj Kr. Adhikari, Assistant Director |
| | | 4. | Ms Huma Parveen, Consultant (GRB) |
| 2 | M/o Cooperation | 5. | Shri Mukesh Kumar, Director |
| | | 6. | Shri Manish Sharma, Assistant Registrar |
| 3 | M/o Statistics & Programme Implementation | 7. | Shri Siljo V K, DDG |
| | | 8. | Shri Anoop Kumar, Director (IFD) |
| 4 | D/o Financial Services | 9. | Shri Shailesh Kumar, Dy. Secretary |
| | | 10. | Shri Pramod Singh, OSD |
| 5 | D/o Biotechnology | 11. | Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Addl. Secretary/Senior Advisor |
| | | 12. | Dr. Manoj Singh Rohilla, Scientist (F) |
| | | 13. | Dr. Vandana Prajapati, Scientist (D) |
| 6 | M/o Development of North Eastern Region | 14. | Shri Sandeep Verma, Dy. Secretary |
| 7 | M/o Railways | 15. | Dr. Deepak Sharma, Director (Budget) |
| 8 | D/o Telecommunication | 16. | Ms Jaspreet Kaur, Director (Budget) |
| 9 | M/o Ports, Shipping & Waterways | 17. | Shri Animesh Bharti, Sr. Economic Adviser |
| | | 18. | Shri H. R. Meena, Director (Budget) |
| 10 | M/o Heavy Industries | 19. | Shri Rajesh Kumar, CCA |
| | | 20. | Shri Amrendra Kishore Singh, Deputy Secretary |
| | | 21. | Dr. Monika Singh, Director (NAC) |
| 11 | D/o Food & Public Distribution | 22. | Ms Soniya Trar, Section Officer (NAC) |
| | | 23. | Shri Vijay Kumar Srivastava, Dy. Secretary |
| 12 | D/o Pharmaceuticals | 24. | Ms Vedika, Consultant |
| 14 | D/o Water Resources | 25. | Shri Shreyas Gune , Dy. Commissioner |
| | | 26. | Shri Mohit Verma, Jt. Director |
| | | 27. | Rahul Meena, Assistant Director |
| 15 | Deptt. for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT): | 28. | Shri Rajesh Kumar, CCA |
| | | 29. | Shri Jai Krishna Uniyal |
| 16 | M/o Food Processing Industries | 30. | Shri Pankaj Kumar, Director |

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