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Government of India
Ministry of Women & Child Development
23rd August, 2024

Dear Secretary,

As you are aware, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has given a call to transition from women's development to women-led development. This implies that each sector must ensure equal opportunities for women to lead and participate in the development of the nation.

2. You are aware that Gender Budgeting is a strategic fiscal tool to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. It entails an increased outlay for women-centric programmes; it also reprioritizes public expenditure and ensures allocation of adequate budget to address the gender gaps.

3. Under the *Mission Shakti* for empowerment of women, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), as the nodal Ministry, aims to achieve 100% coverage of Gender Budgeting across all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India and all the States/Union Territories.

4. The Gender Budget Statement (Statement 13) prepared by the Ministry of Finance is an important document to ascertain the fund flow to women centric schemes. It is a crucial reporting mechanism for the Ministries/Departments to assess their schemes from a gender perspective. Every year, the Budget Circular issued by the Department of Economic Affairs requires all Ministries/Departments to report allocations for women in the Gender Budget Statement in a format. During Financial Year (FY) 2024-25, a total of 43 Ministries/Departments/UTs have reported an allocation of Rs.3.27 lakh crore in this Statement which is an increase of 37.3% over the reported allocation of Rs. 2.38 lakh crore in FY 2023-24. Share of Gender Budget in the total Union Budget has now increased to 6.8% in 2024-25 from 5.3% in FY 2023-24.

5. The Budget Circular also requires all Ministries/Departments to scrutinize their schemes and identify programmes/schemes that aim at welfare of children, along with their budgeted provision, for inclusion in Statement No.12 of Expenditure Profile '*Allocations for the Welfare of Children*'. The child budget statement reflects the provisions and expenditures on children across sectors reported by various Ministries/Departments. In FY 2024-25, an allocation Rs.1.10 lakh crore has been reported by 21 Ministries/Departments and 5 UTs, which is an increase of 5.91% over the allocation of Rs.1.04 lakh crore in FY 2023-24.

6. During FY 2024-25, formats of both Statements 12 and 13 have been modified by introduction of three Parts A, B & C in Statement 12 and by inclusion of Part C in Statement 13 along with the existing Parts A and B so as to holistically capture the allocations for children and women which will reflect the Govt. of India's budgetary commitments towards the welfare and development of women and children.

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7. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has been engaged to strengthen institutional mechanisms and processes, building capacities of Government officials to mainstream gender in policies/programmes and to strengthen the post-budget analysis to track expenditure and impact on women's lives.

8. I would request that your Ministry/Department may review the schemes from a gender lens and report allocations in the Gender Budget Statement for both beneficiary as well as non-beneficiary oriented schemes and their components that impact women and children. The GBS must also be linked with the outlays and targets set in the Outcome-Output Monitoring Framework.

9. My Ministry is ready to provide support to your Ministry/Department, if required, while undertaking gender based review of the schemes. I also request you to nominate a Nodal Officer from your Ministry/Department (not below the rank of Director who is well-versed with the subject) for effective coordination and share the nomination details latest by 10th September, 2024 at mwcd-genderbudgeting@gov.in.

10. I request for your personal attention in this endeavour so that better reporting could be ensured under both Statements 12 and 13 during FY 2025-26. I hope that our collaborative efforts will result in improved outcomes for gender equality.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Anil Malik)

Secretary of all Ministries/Department of Government of India