ORDER

Subject: Working Group on Conditional Cash Transfers (CCTs) for Health and Nutritional Interventions

In order to explore and provide policy directions to address India's nutritional challenges through CCTs, it has been decided to constitute a designated team under the Chairpersonship of Dr. (Ms) Syeda Hameed, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India. The composition of the Working Group is as under:

1. Dr. (Ms) Syeda Hameed  
   Member, Planning Commission, New Delhi  
   Chairperson

2. Secretary (WCD) or Representative*  
   Ministry of Women & Child Development  
   Member

3. Secretary (H&FW) or Representative*  
   Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
   Member

4. Ms Jayati Chandra  
   Principal Adviser, Planning Commission  
   Member

5. Controller General of Accounts or Representative  
   Ministry of Finance.  
   Member

6. Ms. Deepa Jain Singh  
   Former Secretary, Government of India  
   Member

7. Mr. Biraj Patnaik  
   Pr. Adviser, Office of the Commissioners of the Supreme Court.  
   Member

8. Dr. K.S. Nair  
   Faculty (Health Economics), National Institute of Health & Family Welfare  
   Member

9. Dr. Santosh Mehrotra  
   Senior Consultant (Development Policy), Planning Commission  
   Member

10. Dr. N.K. Sethi  
    Senior Adviser (Health), Planning Commission.  
    Member

11. Ms. Gunjan Veda  
    OSD (Health, Nutrition & WCD), Planning Commission  
    Member

*Not below the level of Joint Secretary

2. The terms of reference of the Working Group will be:

   i) To examine the global experience of comprehensive conditional cash transfers for health & nutritional interventions.

   ii) To explore the relevance of such interventions in the Indian context.
Based on the relevance, to suggest measures to operationalize maternity benefit for pregnant and lactating mothers/dovetail CCTs/reconfigure the existing programmes in the country.

In case of adaptability, to suggest the conditions, selection criteria of beneficiaries, estimated number of persons to be covered, financial requirements as well as monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for the same.

3. The Chairperson may organize consultative meeting(s), visit(s) and form subgroups as well as co-opt official or non-official members as needed. The group may submit its report within three months.

4. A Consultant/Nodal Officer is to be appointed to exclusively co-ordinate/service the group.

5. The expenditure on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group in respect of the official members will be borne by the parent Department/Organization/Ministry to which the official belongs as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. The non-official members of the Working Group will be entitled to TA/DA as permissible to Grade I officers of the Government of India under SR 190 (a) and this expenditure will be borne by the Planning Commission. No international travel is expected.

6. This issues with the approval of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission.

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To

The Chairperson and all Members of the Working Group

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4. Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
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6. Information Officer, Planning Commission.