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

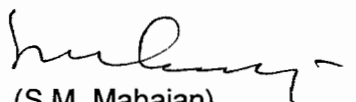
In order to explore and provide policy directions to address India's nutritional challenges through CCTs, it has been decided to constitute a designated team under the Chairpersonship of Dr. (Ms) Syeda Hameed, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India. The composition of the Working Group is as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

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| 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.

- iii) 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.
 - iv) 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 sub-groups 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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3. Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi.
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