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CM reviews functioning of Social Welfare Dept

Push out unscrupulous contractors and work transparently to ensure child's nutrition: CM

Dispur, May 29: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma today held a meeting with Social Welfare Department at his conference room at Janata Bhawan and took stock of status of implementation of various schemes of the department. He directed the officials to achieve the target of providing nutritious food for 300 days in 12 months to each children in beneficiary list of 0-6 year category without fail.

He also issued strict instructions to break the hold of unscrupulous contractors on the department and clean the image of the department through transparent functioning. He directed to explore ways to purchase rice from FCI rather than through the NGO route so that the monopoly of suppliers, in nexus with some officials, can be ended at the earliest.

Nobody would be allowed to interfere in ensuring children's nutrition and healthy development and strict action would be taken against all wrongdoers, he warned. The Chief Minister also issued instruction to transfer all CDPOs who have completed 3 years in their place of posting without fail and said that no consideration should be shown to anyone in this regard.

The Chief Minister directed to draw a plan to rebuild all Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in the state in consultation with PWD to make them demonstrative centres for child care. The architecture design of AWCs must be scientific and must facilitate a healthy environment for the children to grow, he added.

Saying that the department needs to increase fund utilisation and submit utilisation certificate on time to Central Government, Dr. Sarma emphasised on timely utilisation of fund for receiving further payment from Central Government.

Acting on the decision taken in the recently held cabinet meeting to pay Deendayal Divyangjan Pension to beneficiaries within 10th of every month, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma directed the department to work out the modalities in that regard and achieve the target.

Social Welfare Minister Ajanta Neog, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Samir Kumar Sinha, Secretary of Social Welfare Department Manoj Kumar along with other senior officers of the department were present in the meeting.

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