CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1. Please throw light on the background of this hand-book (Right to Information Act 2005)
This handbook is published for the purpose of implementing the Right to Information Act 2005 with the main aim of giving information to the public in relation to this Public Authority being the Department of Social Welfare, Government of Meghalaya.

1.2. Objective/purpose of this hand book.
Its objectives/purpose are as follows:
 i) to provide particulars of the Department, its functions and duties.
 ii) to spell out the powers and duties of officers and employees of the Department.
 iii) to provide information as spelled out in section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005

1.3 Who are the intended users of this hand book?
The citizens of the country.

1.4. Organization of the information in his hand book.
As per index on the front page.

1.6. Contact person in case some body wants to get more information on topics covered in the handbook as well as other information also.
1. Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department.
   Main Secretariat, Room No.230. Ph. 2223580.
2. Deputy Secretary, Social Welfare Department.
   Addl. Secretariat, Room No.504. Ph.2500572
3. Under Secretary, Social Welfare Department.
   Addl. Secretariat, Room No.407, Ph.EPABX 2224201-2348.

1.7. Basic Data under Supplementary Nutrition Sector.
- No. of ICDS Projects sanctioned by Govt. of India - 32
- No. of Anganwadi Centres sanctioned by Govt of India - 2218
- The prescribed nutritional norms are as follows

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<th>Beneficiaries</th>
<th>Calories (cal k)</th>
<th>Protein (g)</th>
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<td>Children 0 - 3 years</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>Children 3 - 6 years</td>
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<td>(Severely malnourished children – on medical advice after health check-up)</td>
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<td>double of above</td>
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<td>Pregnant &amp; Lactating (P&amp;L) Mothers</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>20 - 25</td>
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<td>Adolescent Girls (AGs)</td>
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