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F. No. 1-2/2020 Desk (MDM)

Dated 29.04.2020

Dear *Sir / Madam,*

Please refer to my D.O. letter of even No. dated 20th March, 2020 regarding provision of mid day meal or Food Security Allowance to the eligible children under Mid Day Meal Scheme during closure of schools on account of COVID-19.

2. Hon'ble Prime Minister during his address to the nation on 14.04.2020, has identified food as one of the major problems being faced by the people especially the poor. Further, Hon'ble Prime Minister, while assuring availability of ample reserves of medicines, food-ration and other essential goods, exhorted the entire nation to ***"Take as much care of poor families as you can. Especially try to fulfil their food requirements."***

3. Hon'ble HRM, during a Video Conference with State Education Ministers, on 28.04.2020, announced that Mid Day Meal or Food Security Allowance comprising of food grains and cooking cost (or its equivalent pulses, oil etc) will be provided to eligible children even during summer vacations. This will meet the nutritional requirements of the eligible children under Mid Day Meal Scheme in order to safeguard their immunity which is very vital during the COVID-19 outbreak.

4. You may be aware that 12.23 lakh MTs foodgrains have already been allocated to the States and UTs for first two quarters (April to June and July to September) of 2020-21. Moreover, the per child per day cooking cost for primary children stands enhanced from Rs 4.48 to Rs 4.97 and for upper primary level stands enhanced from Rs 6.71 to Rs 7.45 w.e.f. 01.04.2020. Ad-hoc grant (Rs 2566.93 crore) to States and UTs is also being released.



5. State Governments and UT Administrations are advised to take necessary action to provide hot cooked meals or Food Security Allowance comprising of food grains and cooking cost (or its equivalent pulses, oil etc) to the eligible children during the summer vacations also in 2020-21. The general guidelines for this purpose are given at *Annexure-I*. Accordingly, States and UTs shall prepare an action plan along with monitoring mechanism to ensure proper implementation of these provisions and share the same with us at email r.meena@gov.in and ybgurala.edu@gov.in. States and UTs are also requested to furnish the information on implementation of the same in the format given at *Annexure-II & III*.

6. The ad-hoc grant released and foodgrains already allocated to the States and UTs may be utilized for this purpose. Proposals for additional funds and food grains may be submitted alongwith AWP&B in the attached format at *Annexure-IV*. The States and UTs whose PAB meetings are already over, may send the proposal separately within 7 days.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(R.C. MEENA)

To

The Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries Education or the Nodal Department for implementation of Mid Day Meal in all States and UTs.

General guidelines for implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme during closure of schools due to COVID-19 and summer vacations of 2020-21

1. States and UTs shall provide hot cooked meals or Food Security Allowance comprising of food grains and cooking cost (or its equivalent pulses, oil etc) to the eligible children. In case of supply of pulses, oil etc, the entire per meal per child cooking cost shall be used for providing pulses, oil etc.
2. States and UTs shall ensure that provisions in point 1 above are adhered to on all scheduled school days, e.g. days on which schools were supposed to function, but closed due to COVID-19.
3. For summer vacation, States and UTs shall ensure implementation of the provisions mentioned in point 1 above with in 7 days of start of summer vacations.
4. State shall draw an action plan along with monitoring mechanism to ensure proper implementation of these provisions and share the same with MHRD.
5. The dry rations may be pre packed and distributed either door to door, or at the school or any other convenient place like PDS outlet etc.
6. State may design suitable mechanism to prepare roster / time slots / coupon system etc. for the beneficiaries for collecting the ration.
7. States and UTs shall submit district wise information on coverage of schools and children in the prescribed formats
 - a. During closure of schools due to COVID-19 (Annexure – II)
 - b. During summer vacations (Annexure – III)
8. States / UTs shall ensure that extant social distancing norms and food safety norms notified at various levels, are followed.

Details of hot cooked meals or Food Security Allowance (FSA) provided to children during closure of schools due to COVID-19

Name of State / UT –

Date of start of summer vacations -

Name of District	Total schools	Number of schools covered	Total Enrolment	Number of Children provided with		
				Hot cooked Meals	Food Security Allowance (FSA)	
					Food grains & Cooking Cost	Food grains & Ingredients i.e. pulses, oil etc. in lieu of cooking cost

Any other information: -

**Details of hot cooked meals or Food Security Allowance (FSA) provided to
children during summer vacations in 2020-21**

Name of State / UT –

Name of District	Total schools	Number of schools covered	Total Enrolment	Number of Children provided with		
				Hot cooked Meals	Food Security Allowance (FSA)	
					Food grains & Cooking Cost	Food grains & Ingredients i.e. pulses, oil etc. in lieu of cooking cost

**Requirement of funds and foodgrains for provision of MDM during summer
vacations in 2020-21**

Name of State / UT –

Stage	Number of children	Number of days	Foodgrains (in MTs)	Cooking cost (Rs in lakh)	Transportation Assistance (Rs in lakh)
Primary					
Upper Primary					
Total					