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Dated the 20th March, 2020

Dear *sir / madam*,

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme “National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools” popularly known as Mid Day Meal Scheme is being implemented in collaboration with the State Governments and Union Territories. Each child studying in elementary classes (I-VIII) in Government and Government-Aided Schools, Special Training Centers (STC) and Madrasas & Maqtabas supported under Samgra Shiksha (SS) are provided one hot cooked mid day meal containing prescribed energy and protein, on each school day, as mandated under Section 5(1)b) of National Food Security Act, 2013 and Rule 3 of Mid Day Meal Rules, 2015.

2. It is learnt that schools in many States and Union Territories have been closed as a precautionary measure to protect the students from Novel COVID-19 (Corona) virus. Under such extra ordinary circumstances, the Central Government has decided to provide Mid-Day Meal to meet the nutritional requirements of the eligible children under Mid-Day Meal Scheme in order to safeguard their immunity.

3. The MDM Rules, 2015 envisages that if Mid Day Meal is not provided in schools on any school day due to the non-availability of food grains, cooking cost, fuel, absence of cook-cum-helper or any other reason, the State Government shall pay the ‘Food Security Allowance’ consisting of

- i) Quantity of the food grains as per entitlement of the child and
- ii) Cooking cost prevailing in the State, to every child.


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4. As the country is passing through the difficult times of the Novel Covid-19 (Corona) outbreak The State Governments and Union Territories are advised to provide hot cooked Mid Day Meal or Food Security Allowance, whichever is feasible, to all eligible children till such time their schools are closed due to Novel COVID-19 (Corona) Virus. The modalities for this purpose may be decided by the respective States and UTs, suitable to the prevailing circumstances. It is also pertinent to reiterate that all the precautionary measures to face the situation arising out of Novel COVID-19 (Corona) virus, as advised by the Central and State Governments shall be followed. The regular Mid Day Meal shall resume as soon as the schools re-open.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(R.C. MEENA) 20/3/2020

To

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