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Dated 21st December, 2021

Respected Sir Inedam.

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) earlier known as the National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The primary objective of the scheme is to improve the nutritional status of eligible children studying in classes I-VIII in Govt and Govt aided schools.

- 2. As you may be aware that schools have been reopened / are being reopened in most of the States and UTs. Therefore, States and UTs have been advised to resume provision of hot cooked meals to all eligible children. While providing hot cooked meals, it is imperative that States and UTs shall adhere to the prevalent COVID protocols and social distancing norms as prescribed by the respective competent authorities.
- 3. Henceforth, in case hot cooked meal could not be served to children due to pandemic or any other reason, States and UTs are advised to ensure that corresponding Cooking Cost in the form of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is provided to eligible children either in their bank A/C or in the bank A/C of the parents, within 15 days, in order to provide timely nutritional support. In addition, the State shall also provide corresponding foodgrains as per the norms of the scheme.
- 4. You are requested to take appropriate necessary actions in this regard and share an action taken note latest by 27th December, 2021.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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To

The Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries Education or the Nodal Department for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme of all States and UTs

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