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D.O. No. 14-10/2016-MDM- 1-2 (EE.5)

Dated the 15th September, 2021

Respected Sir / madam,

Please refer to D/o Food and Public Distribution's (D/o F&PD) DO letter no. 15-1/2021-BP-II-(pt.2) dated 03.09.2021 (copy enclosed) wherein it is mentioned that for scaling up of rice fortification, D/o F&PD alongwith FCI initiated distribution of fortified rice under MDM from April, 2021. FCI has been procuring fortified rice across the country to distribute under MDM in the States/UTs and a substantial amount of fortified rice is available with FCI. However, as per reports received from FCI, the offtake/lifting by the States/UTs is not satisfactory so far under the MDM Scheme. At present available stock of fortified rice with FCI is more than 7.59 LMT in several States.

2. As you would know, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on the occasion of 75th Independence Day address said that the rice available at the ration shop, the rice provided to the children in the mid-day meal or the rice available to every scheme, shall be fortified by the year 2024.

3. In this connection, please refer to my previous DO letter of even no. dated 31.03.2021 and reminder dated 15.06.2021 regarding fortification of rice under MDMS. State Governments were also requested to develop the mechanism for coordination with participating District to liaise with the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Food Departments. It may also be mentioned that this Ministry has consented and agreed to bear the incremental cost of Rs. 0.73/kg on account of fortification of rice in respect of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS).

4. Your kind attention was also drawn towards the meeting held on 25.06.2021 on "Fortification of Rice & its Distribution under Mid - Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) to review the status progress and assess readiness of the States and UTs for provision of fortified rice under MDMs and to discuss all the issues pertaining to rice fortification and clearing doubts, if any, for the better coordination for the provision of fortified rice in association of Ministry of F& PD and FCI.

5. Keeping in view, the target set by Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding rice fortification, I would request you to scale up the current scale of offtake by the States/UTs under MDM Programme and get in touch with FCI to expedite the lifting of available fortified rice stock for distribution as well as share an update on the progress made in the lifting of fortified rice with this Department.

With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

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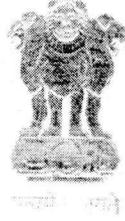
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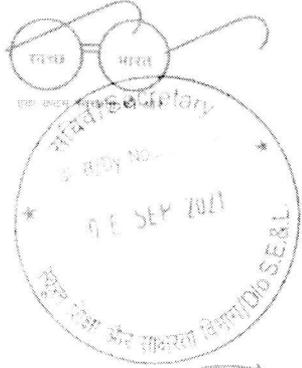
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D.O. No. 15-1/2021-BP-II (pt.2)
Dated: 3rd September 2021

Dear Anita,

Please refer to my previous D.O. letter no. 15-1/2021-BP-II (pt.) (e-374644) dated 23rd August, 2021 relating to distribution of fortified rice under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDM).

2. As informed earlier, to address anaemia and micro-nutrient deficiency in the country a centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on "Fortification of Rice & its Distribution under Public Distribution System" was approved for a period of 3 years beginning in 2019-20. Now, scaling up process to cover ICDS/MDM is underway from April, 2021 with due concurrence of Department of School Education & Literacy to bear the incremental cost of fortification during 2021-22.

3. Mid Day Meal (MDM) is a flagship safety net programme of Government of India with potential to reach the vulnerable population of the country and supply of fortified rice under MDM is expected to bring about a positive change in the malnutrition scenario in children. For scaling up of rice fortification, D/o Food & Public Distribution along with Food Corporation of India (FCI) initiated distribution of fortified rice under MDM from April 2021. FCI has been procuring fortified rice across the country to distribute under MDM in the States/UTs and a substantial amount of fortified rice is available with the FCI. However, as per reports received from FCI, the offtake/lifting by the States/UTs is not satisfactory so far under the MDM Scheme. At present available stock of fortified rice with the FCI is more than 7.59 LMT in several States.

4. As you are aware, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on the occasion of 75th Independence Day Address (15th August, 2021) announced the following relating to Rice fortification:-

"Providing nutrition to every poor person of the country is also a priority of this government. Malnutrition and lack of essential nutrients in poor women and

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children poses major obstacles in their development. In view of this, it has been decided that the government will fortify the rice given to the poor under its various schemes by the year 2024."

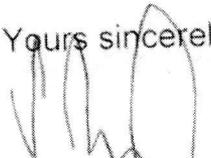
5. Keeping in view the importance of the intervention, it is imperative to monitor/expedite the current scale of offtake by the States/UTs under the MDM programme.

6. I shall be grateful if the States are advised to immediately get in touch with FCI to expedite the lifting of available fortified rice stock for distribution under MDM scheme. In this context, I seek your personal intervention in instructing all concerned to ensure expeditious distribution of fortified rice under MDM scheme. I would also request you to direct the officials concerned to share an update on the progress made in the lifting of fortified rice with this department on a weekly basis under MDM scheme.

7. I am advising my Joint Secretary, Shri Jagannathan to have a meeting with your officers as well as with officers of the states to get and update as well putting in place a system of monthly reporting.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely



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D.O. No. 14-10/2016-MDM-1-2 (EE.5)

Dated the 31st March, 2021Dear *Sir / Madam,*

As you are aware, Centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on “Fortification of Rice & its Distribution under Public Distribution System” has been approved by Government of India for a period of three years beginning 2019-20 with a budget outlay of Rs. 174.64 crore. The scheme is to focus on 15 districts preferably 1 district per State. This year D/o Food & Public Distribution is also trying to formulate a plan to distribute the Fortified Rice under MDM Scheme across the country from April, 2021.

2. In this regard, kindly refer to this Ministry's earlier letter of even no. dated 16.03.2021 (copy enclosed) regarding sharing the complete requirement of fortified rice in selected district for the pilot scheme alongwith the estimated cost of fortification of rice under MDMS at the identified districts. State Governments were also requested to develop the mechanism for coordination with participating District to liaise with the Food Corporation of India and State Food Departments. The requisite information/ proposal is still awaited.

3. It is further stated that this department has already consented and agreed to bear the incremental cost of Rs. 0.73 per kg on account of fortification of rice in respect of Mid-Day Meal Scheme. This may be the subject to actual utilization of rice under Mid Day Meal Scheme during the year 2021-22 as well as actual expenditure towards the incremental cost of Rs. 0.73 per kg on account of fortification of rice.

4. Accordingly, all the State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to submit the complete proposal along with the strategy for distribution of fortified rice in MDM at the earliest to this Ministry.

With regards,

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,


(R.C. MEENA)

The Education Secretaries/ Nodal Officer for Mid Day Meal in all the States/UTs.



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 MDM-1-1 (EE.5) Section

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
 Dated 15th June, 2021

To,

Education Secretaries / Nodal Officer for Mid Day Meal of State Governments/UTs

Subject: Centrally sponsored pilot scheme on "Fortification of Rice & its Distribution under Public Distribution System"- Coverage of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS)-reg.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to this Department's DO letter of even number dated 31st March, 2021 alongwith letter number 15-1/2021-BP-II (pt.) dated 04th March, 2021 received from Secretary, D/o Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution wherein the concerned State Govts/UTs were requested to share the complete requirement of fortified rice in selected district for the pilot scheme alongwith the estimated cost of fortification of rice under MDMS at the identified districts. State Governments were also requested to develop the mechanism for coordination with participating District to liaise with the Food Corporation of India and State Food Departments and share the same. The requisite information is still awaited. However, some State Govts/UTs have submitted the requirement of fortified rice but not shared the mechanism to be followed. Further, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution informed regarding expansion of scheme and supply of fortified rice to cover all MDM Centres across the country.

2. In this connection, it is mentioned that D/o School Education & Literacy is planning to organise a meeting with concerned State Governments/UTs and with D/o Food & Public Distribution to discuss the progress of scheme on "Fortification of Rice & its Distribution under Mid Day Meal Scheme. The date and time for the meeting will be informed shortly. Therefore, States/UTs are also requested to prepare and share a plan and strategy for distribution of fortified rice under MDMS which may be discussed in the meeting by 18.06.2021. It is also requested to share the complete requirement of fortified rice alongwith the estimated cost of fortification and the mechanism for coordination with participating District as requested earlier and mentioned above.

3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Encl.: As above

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