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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
SHASTRI BHAVAN  
NEW DELHI-110 115

Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

R. C. MEENA  
Joint Secretary (EE.I)  
Tel.011-23389247

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

*Respected Sir / madam,*

Kindly refer to D/o Food and Public Distribution's letter no. 15-1/2021-BP-II-(pt.2) dated 01.10.2021 regarding 'Lifting of Fortified Rice Stocks under ICDS and **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman** (PM POSHAN) Scheme earlier known as Mid Day Meal Scheme. The lifting is not encouraging under PM POSHAN scheme.

2. As you are aware, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on the occasion of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day address that the rice available at the ration shop, the rice provided to the children in the **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman** (PM POSHAN) Scheme earlier known as Mid Day Meal Scheme or the rice available to every scheme, shall be fortified by the year 2024.

3. In this connection, please refer to this Department's earlier DO letter of even no. dated 15.09.2021 (copy enclosed) wherein States/UTs were requested to scale up the current scale of offtake under the Scheme and share an update on the progress made in the lifting of fortified rice with this Department.

4. Keeping in view, the target set by Hon'ble Prime Minister regarding rice fortification, I would again request you to kindly direct the concerned Officer in your State/UT to expedite the lifting of available fortified rice stock for distribution under the Scheme and kindly share the monthly report/ data relating to offtake/lifting of quantity of fortified rice under **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman** (PM POSHAN) Scheme.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above:

(R.C. MEENA)

To,

The Education Secretaries/ Nodal Officer for **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman** (PM POSHAN) Scheme in all the States/UTs.



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Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

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

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 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

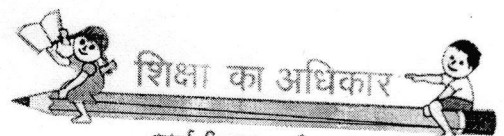
With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

  
(R.C. MEENA)

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



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**No. 15-1/2021-BP-II (pt. 2) (e-377253)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  
**(Department of Food & Public Distribution)**

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001**

**Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021**

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Lifting of Fortified Rice Stocks under ICDS and MDM schemes -reg**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith FCI letter's No. QC.34 (2)/Fortification of Rice/Weekly Position/21 dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 (Copy enclosed) and to say that against the allocation of 1.05 LMT & 6.36 LMT under ICDS & MDM schemes, a quantity of 0.57 LMT & 2.09 LMT have only been lifted. The lifting is not encouraging especially under MDM schemes. In this connection, a D.O. letter of even number dated 3.9.2021 from Secretary (DFPD) to Secretary (MWCD) / Secretary (DSE&L) is enclosed for ready reference.

2. MoWCD and D/o SE&L are once again requested to direct the States/UTs to expedite the lifting of available fortified rice stock for distribution under ICDS and MDM scheme respectively.

*Subodh Kumar*

(Subodh Kumar)

Under Secretary to Government of India

Email ID: subodh.kum@gov.in

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To,

1. Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy  
[Kind Attn.: Smt. Anita Karwal, Secretary], Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
2. Ministry of Women & Child Development  
[Kind Attn.: Shri Indevvar Pandey, Secretary], Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Copy to:

1. PSO to Secretary (DFPD)
2. Sr. PPS to JS(BP&PD)
3. Sr. PPS to JS (P & FCI)
4. ED(QC) FCI
5. GM(QC) FCI



**No.QC.34 (2)/Fortification of Rice/Weekly Position/21**

**Dated: 01.10.2021**

The Joint Secretary (PD)  
Deptt.of Food and Public Distribution  
MoCAF&PD,  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

**Sub:** Dismal lifting of Fortified Rice Stocks under ICDS/MDM schemes-reg.

Sir,

It is to inform that against the allocation of **1.05 LMT** & **6.36 LMT** under ICDS & MDM schemes, a quantity of **0.57 LMT** & **2.09 LMT** have only been lifted respectively by the State Govt. A statement showing the progressive lifting as on 23.09.2021 is enclosed for ready reference. Though sufficient quantity of Fortified Rice is available in all States except Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal & Uttrakhand, the lifting is not encouraging especially under MDM schemes. Main reasons attributed is due to non-receipt of directions from Dept. of School Education & Literacy, Govt. of India, State Govt. is reluctant to lift. Similarly, in DCP States like Uttrakhand, West Bengal & Madhya Pradesh, the state could not procure Fortified Rice kernels for further distribution to millers. In some of the states e.g. - Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala etc due to non-availability of boiled fortified rice, they could not lift the allocated stock of Fortified Rice.

In view of above, the matter may please be taken up with Ministry of Women & Child Development and Ministry of Education for expeditious lifting of Fortified Rice under ICDS/MDM schemes against the allocated quantity so that it could be replenished with fresh stocks lying in procuring regions awaiting disposal. It is further requested to direct the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Uttrakhand, West Bengal, Telangana & Tamil Nadu to ensure expeditious supply of Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK) to their millers and to augment procurement of Fortified Rice.

Yours faithfully,

**Encl:-** As Above

*Gautam Kumar*  
01.10.21  
(Gautam Kumar)  
Dy. General Manager (QC)  
For Executive Director (QC)

**Copy to-**

1. The Executive Director (Zone), FCI, ZO (North)/ (South)/ (East)/ (West)/ (North-East)...for information & necessary action please
2. The General Manager (Region), FCI, All Regional Offices...with the request to take up the matter with respective State Govt. to expedite the lifting of Fortified Rice under ICDS/MDM schemes.

*Gautam Kumar*  
01.10.21  
For Executive Director (QC)

As on 23.09.2021

Region-wise

Region wise weekly statement on procurement and distribution of fortified rice (in MT)

S.No.	Sl.No.	Zone	Region	Progressive procurement of fortified stock as on date (FCI)	Stocks moved through Rakes/Roads/Rail	Progressive Procurement of fortified stock in DCP state	Total Prog. Proc. (FCI+DCP State)	Quarterly requirement of fortified rice under ICDS & MDM for IInd Quarter				Qty. of fortified rice lifted for distribution under ICDS+MDM in Region						Quantity of fortified rice available as on date		Remarks
								ICDS	MDM	ICDS	MDM	FCI		State Agencies		FCI	State Agencies			
												ICDS	MDM	ICDS	MDM					
1	1	East	Bihar	0	0	0	0	5040	87902	54	33843	0	0	29429	0					
			Jharkhand	1246	0	0	1246	0	23588	0	162	0	0	0	3691	0				
			West Bengal	0	0	0	0	89508	56	372	0	0	0	0	194	0				
2		North	Odisha	14677	10442	20866	35543	0	34267	0	0	0	0	4235	10897					
			Punjab	704501	310427	0	704501	1823	6071	1754	1893	0	0	0	390427	0				
			Haryana	37952	21962	0	37952	2355	6284	1602	0	0	0	0	14388	0				
3		West	Uttar Pradesh	58203	0	0	58203	0	63314	2305	57855	0	0	56035	0					
			Uttarakhand	0	0	72	72	0	5167	0	0	0	0	0	22	0				
			Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	18756	11953	3008000	1344	0	0	0	470	0				
4		South	HP	0	0	0	0	0	2606	170	351	0	0	273	0					
			Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	4300	0	4300	0	0	1557	0					
			J&K	0	0	0	0	5149	5249	3780	5575	0	0	4660	0					
5		North-East	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	10097	84845	6419	24546	0	0	41937	0					
			Gujarat	0	0	0	0	0	19994	0	17436	0	0	14571	0					
			Chhattisgarh	214922	71866	56077	270999	3588	23256	0	0	1388	1703	143056	20810					
			Madhyapradesh	0	0	1828	1828	0	14890	0	0	0	0	0	1828					
			Andhra Pradesh	34155	21707	195475	229630	10749	23030	0	0	10749	23065	12448	89262					
			Telangana	34224	20252	0	34224	6545	12326	0	0	0	0	13972	0					
			Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	6929	36442	5601	0	0	4706	0						
			Kerala	0	0	0	0	2003	19134	1749	62	0	0	9571	0					
			Karnataka	0	0	0	0	24234	30525	15284	15699	0	0	37202	0					
			Assam	0	0	0	0	0	21676	0	18280	0	0	7030	0					
			NEF	0	0	0	0	6072	7259	1810	1920	0	0	1985	0					
			Nagaland	0	0	0	0	2615	1036	1508	1042	0	0	1352	0					
			Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	1211	0	0	0	107	0						
			Manipur	0	0	0	0	1114	153	81	0	0	388	0						
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1099880</b>	<b>456656</b>	<b>274318</b>	<b>1374198</b>	<b>105955</b>	<b>636947</b>	<b>45253</b>	<b>184761</b>	<b>12137</b>	<b>24768</b>	<b>793684</b>	<b>122819</b>					



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D.O. No. 15-1/2021-BP-II (Pt.2)

Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021

Dear Indevan,

Please refer to my earlier D.O. letter No. 15-1/2021-BP-II (e-374644) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 relating to distribution of fortified rice under Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme.

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 Ministry of Women and Child Development with the commitment to bear the incremental cost of fortification.
3. ICDS/Poshan Abhiyan 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 ICDS is expected to bring about a positive change in the malnutrition scenario in pregnant and lactating women and children upto the age of 6 years. For scaling up of rice fortification, D/o Food & Public Distribution along with Food Corporation of India (FCI) initiated distribution of fortified rice under ICDS from April 2021. FCI has been procuring fortified rice across the country to distribute under ICDS in the States/UTs and a substantive 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 ICDS Scheme. At present available stock of fortified rice with the FCI is more than 7.59 LMT in several States.**
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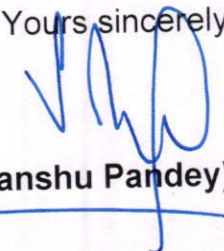
5. Keeping in view the importance of the intervention, it is imperative to monitor/expedite the current scale of offtake by the States/UTs under the ICDS programme.

5. I shall be grateful, if the States may be advised to immediately get in touch with FCI to expedite the lifting of available fortified rice stock for distribution under ICDS scheme. In this context, I seek your personal intervention in instructing all concerned to ensure expeditious lifting of fortified rice under ICDS scheme. I would request you to instruct 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 ICDS scheme.

6. 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

  
(Sudhanshu Pandey)

**Shri Indevar Pandey**  
Secretary  
M/o Women & Child Development  
Rom No 601,  
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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 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 relating to distribution of fortified rice under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDM).

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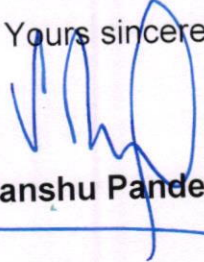
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Yours sincerely

  
(Sudhanshu Pandey)

**Smt. Anita Karwal,**  
Secretary,  
Ministry of Education,  
Department of School Education & Literacy,  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001



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Email

R.C. Meena

**Furnishing of weekly report/data relating to Offtake / lifting of quantity of fortified rice under WSNP Scheme / Aanganwadi Services Scheme/Scheme for Adolescent Girls/ Mid Day Meal Scheme -reg.**

**From :** AvikBhattacharya <avik.bhattacharya@nic.in>  
**Subject :** Furnishing of weekly report/data relating to Offtake / lifting of quantity of fortified rice under WSNP Scheme / Aanganwadi Services Scheme/Scheme for Adolescent Girls/ Mid Day Meal Scheme -reg.

Tue, Sep 28, 2021 11:00 AM

2 attachments

**To :** Ms Pallavi Agarwal <pallavi.agarwal@gov.in>, R.C. Meena <r.c.meena@gov.in>, CMD FCI <chairman.fci@gov.in>

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Sir/Madam,

Kindly find attached O.M. No. 4-1/2021-BP-II (e-375197) Dated 27th September 2021 along with enclosures on the above mentioned subject for information and necessary action.

with regards,

Avik Bhattacharya  
 Section Officer (BP-II)  
 Department of Food & PD  
 Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
 011-23383206

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No.4-1/2021-BP-II (e-375197)  
 Government of India  
 Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
 (Department of Food & Public Distribution)

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 110001  
 Dated: 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Furnishing of weekly report/data relating to Offtake / lifting of quantity of fortified rice under WBNP Scheme /Aanganwadi Services Scheme/Scheme for Adolescent Girls/ Mid Day Meal Scheme –reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development's DO No. CD-III-17/3/2021-CD-III dated 20.09.2021 (copy enclosed) addressed to Secretary, DFPD on the subject.

2. It is requested that a weekly information/report relating to offtake/lifting of quantity of fortified rice under various Schemes like- WBNP Scheme /Aanganwadi Services Scheme/Scheme for Adolescent Girls under ICDS relating to Ministry of Women & Child Development and Mid Day Meal Scheme relating to Department of School Education and Literacy be furnished to the Department.

*Subodh Kumar*

(Subodh Kumar)

Under Secretary to Government of India

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To,

i) Ministry of Women & Child Development  
 ( Kind Attn: Ms. Pallavi Aggarwal, Jt. Secretary)  
 Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi

ii) Department of School Education & Literacy,  
 (Shri R.C. Meena, Jt. Secretary)  
 Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

Copy also to:-

The Chairman & Managing Director, Food Corporation of India, 16-20, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi – for similar action.



947540/2021/MDM-1-1 Section



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Government of India  
Ministry of Women & Child Development

20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय (खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग)
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INDEVAR PANDEY, I.A.S.

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D.O.No. CD-III-17/3/2021-CD-III

Dear Sir,

I invite reference to your D.O. letter No. 15-1/2021-BP-II (Pt.2) dated 3rd September, 2021 regarding distribution of fortified rice under Anganwadi Services Scheme. In this regard, I would also like to invite your attention to my earlier D.O. letter of even number dated 08.09.21 (copy enclosed)

2. As of now, reports relating to lifting of foodgrains (including fortified rice) are received from the Food Corporation of India on quarterly basis only. However, FCI has been requested to share the updates of lifting on weekly basis with this Ministry and also with DFPD. State/UTs have also been advised to ensure timely lifting of foodgrains.

3. I would also like to request you to invite officers from FCI for the meetings proposed to be held by Joint Secretary, DFPD, in this connection, and I have advised my officers to attend such meetings to monitor the progress made in relation to distribution of fortified rice under Anganwadi Services Scheme.

with regards

Yours sincerely,

(Indevar Pandey)

Shri Sudhanshu Pandey

Secretary

Department of Food and Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan

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Ministry of Women &amp; Child Development

D.O. No. CD-III-17/3/2021-CD-III

8<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your D.O. letter No.15-1/2021-BPII (Pt.) (e-374644) dated 23.8.21 relating to distribution of fortified rice under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. Ministry of WCD is fully committed to implement the vision of Hon'ble PM from this year itself. In the Conference of State Ministers and Secretaries of WCD held on 30-31st August 2021 all the States/UTs have been informed that from 3rd quarter onwards only fortified rice would be allotted under Anganwadi Services Scheme.

2. In the second quarter, this Ministry has allocated 1,06,319 MTs of Fortified Rice to 20 States/UTs for the benefit of beneficiaries under Anganwadi Services Scheme in July, 2021. The remaining States/UTs have already been reminded to forward their requirements for fortified rice henceforth.

3. Regarding reports from FCI about the poor offtake/lifting by the States/UTs, I would like mention that there is still time available for States/UTs for lifting (i.e upto 31.8.21 as per normal lifting guidelines which can further be extended till 30th Sept., 2021 by FCI). However, the Ministry is also writing to States/UTs to ensure timely lifting of food grains.

4. A meeting was held on 23.8.21 in the Ministry to consider/design IEC campaign in all States/UTs showing the benefits of consumption of fortified rice and more awareness/guidance for preparing/cooking of fortified rice for the knowledge of beneficiaries under ICDS. The representatives from DFPD, DoSE&L, FSSAI, FCI and other Development Partners (WFP, PATH, Microsave Net and Nutrition International) attended the meeting. It was also informed in the meeting that FSSAI has been undertaking social media advertisements in this regard. We will be sharing the IEC material for rice fortification, developed by FSSAI, Nutrition International and WFP with States/UTs for initiating appropriate media campaign for promoting the benefits of usage of fortified rice.

5. With your active support and guidance, the Ministry of WCD is fully committed to ensure supply of fortified rice in Anaganwadi Services Scheme.

With Warm Regards

Yours sincerely,

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