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Dear sir Medam,

You may be aware that the Govt. of India has announced distribution of free-of-cost food grains @ 5 Kg per person per month to nearly 80 Crore beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) over and above NFSA. Accordingly, food grains for May and June 2021 on the same pattern as done in the earlier "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)" are being distributed. Under this special scheme (PMGKAY), around 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries covered under both categories of NFSA, namely Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Householders (PHH), will be provided with an additional quota of free-of-cost foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) at a scale of 5 Kg per person per month, over and above their regular monthly entitlements under PDS Scheme under NFSA.

- 2. The Government of India is committed to safeguard nutritional levels of children in order to protect their immunity during the challenging pandemic times. As a fillip to the provision of free food grains under PMGKAY, it has been decided with the approval of Hon'ble Shiksha Mantri ji to provide monetary assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of cooking cost component of MDM to all eligible children as per MDM norms for summer vacation period of 2021 only as a one time special welfare measure. States & UTs are advised to make the system of monitoring of MDM more robust with many more checks and balances.
- 3. States and UTs are also advised to submit proposals for the above purpose along with Annual Work Plan & Budget, 2021-22. The States and UTs whose PAB meetings are already over, may send their proposals separately within 7 days.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R.C. MEENA)

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