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*Respected Madam/Sir,*

As you are aware, PM POSHAN is one of the foremost centrally sponsored scheme, covering students studying in classes I to VIII and Balvatika in Govt. and Govt. aided schools across the country.

2. States & UTs have been informed by this Department's letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 about the approval of Central Government regarding continuation of PM POSHAN Scheme during 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Central Government also approved several initiatives without any additional financial implications in order to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the scheme. One of such initiatives is '*States and UTs may procure pulses as per their local taste for the scheme from the Central buffer stock created by the Government of India.*'

3. Now, as approved by Central Government, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare (MoAFW) has offered to provide chana dal at subsidized rates under PM POSHAN, Public Distribution System and ICDS etc through NAFED. During discussions on this matter, this Department requested MoAFW about certain modalities of supply of pulses under PM POSHAN like price of pulses including transportation, delivery of pulses at school level, uniform price of pulses across the country etc.

4. Now, NAFED has informed the following regarding modalities for supply of chana dal at under PM POSHAN :

- DoSEL to get the allocation of chana under the subsidy scheme from DoAFW.
- NAFED can supply pulses on quarterly basis upto school level in the packing of 30kg or above in HDPE bags.
- Quality specification as per FSSAI or as required by the DoSEL.
- NAFED has offered the following tentative rates.

Delivery Region	Tentative rates (Rs/Kg)
North India	60
J&K + HP + UK	67
West India	60
East India	62
North East	69
South India	61

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5. States and UTs may procure pulses from buffer stocks being maintained by GoI through NAFED to benefit from economies of scale and assured subsidized rates in the interest of students. This will also ensure availability and use of pulses at school level, thereby ensuring provision of protein as per norms like in the case of foodgrains. Accordingly, you are requested to provide requirement of Chana dal in the attached format latest by **3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023** to enable this Department to coordinate with DoAFW.

6. As you are aware the meetings of Programme Approval Board of PM POSHAN Scheme (PAB-PM POSHAN) are going on during which we are stressing that pulses are significant source of protein and that this Department will facilitate coordination between States and NAFED.

You are requested to optimally utilize this unique nutrition intervention of Govt. of India in order to meet the nutrition needs of students of Govt. and Govt. aided schools with special emphasis on good quality plant-based protein.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Prachi Pandey*  
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**To,**

- 1) The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of Dept. of Education/ Nodal Departments for PM POSHAN
- 2) The Commissioners / Directors of PM POSHAN of all States & UTs

**Copy to:**

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