

F. No. 1-4/2018-Desk (MDM)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
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ShastriBhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

To

The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries (Education) or the Nodal Department for Mid-Day Meal in all States/Union Territories other than NER States and 3 Himalayan States

**Subject: Revision of norms of central assistance for Transportation Assistance under National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools (NP-MDMS)**

Sir/Madam

I am directed to say that Central Government provides Transportation Assistance @ Rs 75/- per quintal to the State Governments (other than 8 NER and 3 Himalayan States) and Union Territories as per para 2.3 (ii) (b) of the Mid Day Meal Guidelines 2006, for transportation of food grains from nearest FCI godown to the schools.

2. The States and Union Territories have been requesting this Department at various forums such as meetings of the Education Secretaries of the States & UTs, Review meetings etc. that the norm of Transportations Assistance @flat rate of Rs. 75/- per quintal is not sufficient. They had been requesting that the same may be made at par with the PDS rates prevalent in the State. This request has been carefully examined and it has been decided by the Central Government to revise the existing norms of Transportation assistance at par with PDS rates in the respective States and UTs subject to a maximum amount of Rs 150/- per quintal. **The new rates will be effective from 01.04.2019.**

3. You are requested to communicate the PDS rate of transportation prevalent in your State at the earliest with full details supported by evidence by 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Further, it is requested to disseminate the above revisions to all concerned.

Yours faithfully



(R C MEENA)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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