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The Central Government has launched three major social security schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) recently. These schemes have an immediate relevance for the social security of cook-cum-helpers engaged under Mid-Day Meal Scheme.

The National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools, popularly known as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, is an ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme which covers **10.38 crore** children studying in **11.67 lakh** institutions and a total of **25.73 lakh** cook-cum-helpers (CCH) engaged by the States/UTs under this scheme.

I write to encourage your State to help the cook-cum-helpers of the MDM Scheme, to avail of the benefits in the said new schemes. The premium under PMSBY and PMJJBY is very nominal, which can either be paid by the concerned beneficiary or by the State/UT Government from its own resources. Since cook-cum-helpers in most cases have operational bank accounts, they may be encouraged to subscribe to these schemes through their bank accounts. In case where cook-cum-helpers do not have bank accounts you may like to consider running a mission mode programme to facilitate opening of bank accounts of all cook-cum-helpers as their honorarium is in any case to be paid through bank accounts. The benefits accruing under the schemes will go a long way in building social security for the families of the cook-cum-helpers.

I request you to kindly issue necessary directions to the MDM and Financial Services Department in your State, urgently.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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