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dated the 21st August, 2020

D.O. No.1-2/2020-Desk(MDM)

Dear Sir Imerdam.

Please refer to my D.O. letter of even no. dated 31st July, 2020 wherein, States and UTs have been advised to provide pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) alongwith foodgrains as Food Security Allowance (FSA) to all eligible children.

- 2. As you are well aware, most of the children studying in Government schools belong to very poor and deprived sections of society, viz. migrant labourers, daily wage workers, landless labourers etc. They are finding it difficult to earn their livelihood and arranging adequate food for their families. You may appreciate that in the current pandemic scenario, it is very difficult for the parents to visit a bank, which are very few and sparsely located in rural areas. It is also not advisable to make people visit bank / ATM for withdrawal of such small amounts which puts avoidable pressure on already stretched banking services.
- 3. Considering the prevailing pandemic situation, with the approval of Hon'ble HRM a conscious decision was taken and States and UTs have been advised to provide pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) alongwith foodgrains as Food Security Allowance (FSA) to eligible children.
- 4. In this context we have received letter No. 591/22/वि-9/एमडीएम/लेखा /2020 dated 11th August, 2020 from Madhya Pradesh, in which Districts have been advised to provide 4 kg foodgrains to primary class children and 6 kg foodgrains to upper primary class children. The letter also envisaged that cooking cost would be transferred to the accounts of children / their parents.
- 5. You may agree that such a direction to the districts for transfer of cooking cost is not in accordance with the Government of India's advise. Hence, you are requested to kindly ensure provision of pulses, oil etc instead of transferring the cooking cost to children / their parent's bank accounts. Accordingly appropriate instructions may be issued to the officers concerned for distribution of food grains and pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) to eligible children.

Yours sincerely,
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