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F. No. 1-2/2020 Desk (MDM)

Dated: 31st August, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware States and UTs have been advised, with the approval of Hon'ble Education Minister, to provide pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) along with food grains as Food Security Allowance (FSA) to eligible children to enable them to meet their nutritional requirement and safe guard immunity under the prevailing COVID pandemic situation.

2. Earlier, The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), has approved the new innovation of flexibility in Mid Day Meal Scheme. Flexi funds may be used for setting up and maintenance of School Nutrition Gardens and provision of supplementary nutrition to children.

3. During the Meetings of Programme Approval Board – Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM) for approving the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2020-21, most of the States and UTs have submitted proposals for provision of supplementary nutrition to children mainly in Aspirational districts; Areas having high concentration of anemic children as per National Family Health Survey (NHFS) data; SC-ST dominated areas; backward areas in respective States etc.. After detailed discussions PAB-MDM approved the proposals of respective States regarding provision of supplementary nutrition as per the norms for 2020-21. It was also clarified that expenditure under Flexi funds would be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

4. Considering that supplementary nutrition is largely intended to cater to the nutritional needs of the nutritionally vulnerable children residing in the backward areas; priority areas such as Aspirational districts, it would be prudent and essential to provide these items alongwith the dry ration being provided as Food Security Allowance.

5. Therefore, you are requested to ensure provision of supplementary nutrition items as proposed in your AWP&B for 2020-21, which were also approved by PAB-MDM in addition to the provision of Food Security Allowances. Funds available with the State/UT (recurring Central Assistance + State Share) may be used for this purpose.



6. I would appreciate if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm initiation of requisite action by 7th September, 2020. Timely action at your end will go a long way in providing much needed nutrition to the children, which is also their right, and bring joy in their lives in these difficult times.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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To

The Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries Education or the Nodal Department for implementation of Mid Day Meal in all States and UTs.