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Dated, the 23rd September, 2020

Respected Mrs. Nila Mohanan,

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

2. Most of the States and UTs provided foodgrains and cooking cost to children as Food Security Allowance till the end of summer vacations. As you are well aware, most of the children studying in Government schools belong to very poor and deprived sections of society, including 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 amounts which put avoidable pressure on already stretched banking services.

3. Considering the prevailing pandemic situation, with the approval of Hon'ble Education Minister 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. However, it is noticed with concern that State Government of Goa has not yet provided pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) alongwith foodgrains as Food Security Allowance (FSA) to eligible children. Hence, you are requested to ensure provision of the same without any further loss of time. Accordingly appropriate instructions may be issued to the officers concerned for distribution of pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) alongwith food grains to eligible children.

5. I would appreciate if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm initiation of requisite action by 22nd 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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