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Dear *Colleagues,*

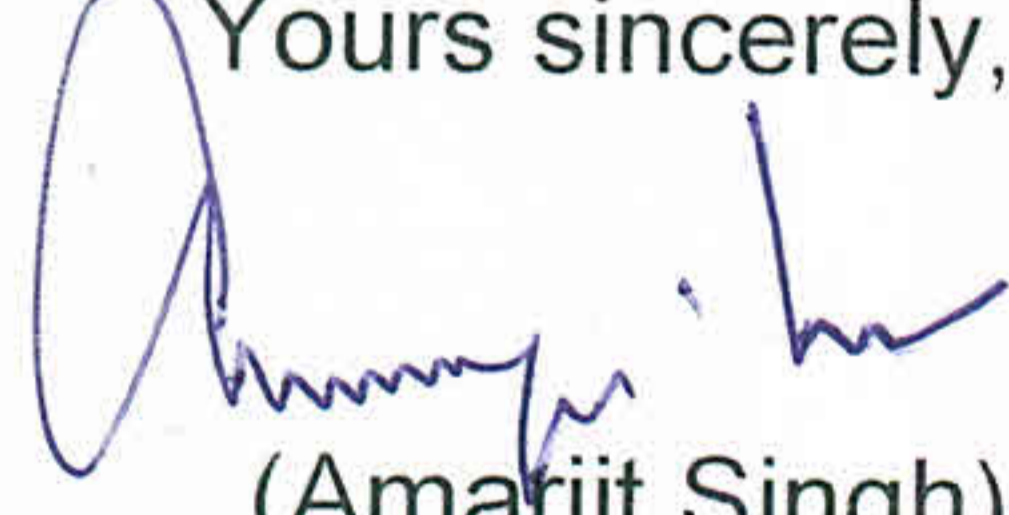
As you are well aware, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MP&NG) has withdrawn the subsidy on supply of LPG cylinders to the schools covered under Mid Day Meal Scheme.

2. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has worked out the additional financial burden of Rs. 752 crore on account of the withdrawal of subsidy on LPG cylinders. We had requested MP&NG to reconsider their decision and to continue supply of LPG cylinders for MDM Scheme at subsidized rates. The MP&NG has informed that Mid Day Meal Scheme comes under Non-Domestic Exempted Category (NDEC) which is not eligible for subsidized LPG cylinders, henceforth. While regretting our proposal, MP&NG has advised that the additional burden on account of subsidy on LPG cylinders may be met from the budgetary provision of the Scheme.

3. Accordingly, with the kind approval of Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Ministry of Finance has been requested to allow MHRD to meet the additional burden due to withdrawal of subsidy on LPG cylinders from the funds available under the Mid Day Meal Scheme. Fuel cost as you are aware is a part of cooking cost, which is being shared between Centre and States, the additional financial burden due to withdrawal of the subsidy on LPG cylinders will have to be accordingly shared between Centre and States as per the existing funding pattern.

4. It was further decided that Mid Day Meal Scheme may be implemented in an uninterrupted manner without affecting the nutrition of the eligible children. I shall therefore, appreciate if you ensure that Mid Day Meal Scheme does not suffer due to withdrawal of subsidy on LPG cylinders and that Mid Day Meal is provided to the eligible children as per nutritional and calorific value prescribed under the MDMS Guidelines.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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