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Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of School Education & Literacy

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The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries (Education) or the Nodal Department for Mid-Day Meal in all States/Union Territories.

**Subject: Revision of norms of central assistance for kitchen Devices under National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools (NP-MDMS)**

Sir/Madam

I am directed to say that para 2.3 (vi) of the Mid Day Meal Guidelines 2006 envisage that Central Government will provide assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories for provisioning and replacement of kitchen devices at an average cost of Rs. 5,000 per school. The above guidelines further mention that the States and UT Administration will have the flexibility to incur expenditure on Cooking devices (Stove, Chulha); Containers for storage of food grains and other ingredient; Utensils for cooking and serving etc on the basis of the actual requirements of the school provided that the overall average for the State/ UT Administration remains Rs 5000 per school. Further, central assistance to States and UTs was also started with effect from September, 2012 for replacing five year old kitchen devices in schools.

2. The States and Union Territories have been requesting this Department at various forums such as meetings of the Education Secretaries of the States & UTs, Review meetings etc. that the norm of assistance for kitchen devices at fixed unit cost of Rs. 5,000/- per school is not sufficient for provisioning/replacing the kitchen devices particularly in the schools with large enrolment. They had been requesting that central assistance for kitchen devices may be given based on the enrolment in the schools. The above request from the States and Uts has been carefully examined and it has been decided by the Central Government to revise the existing norms of assistance for kitchen devices by linking them to the enrolment in the schools as follows:

Enrolment Slab	Unit cost of Assistance in Rs.
Up to 50	10,000/-
51 to 150	15,000/-
151 to 250	20,000/-
251 and above	25,000/-

3. The assistance for kitchen devices is to be shared between the Centre and States as per the approved sharing pattern. At present the approved sharing pattern is 90:10 for North Eastern States and three Himalayan States viz. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand; 60:40 for other States and Union Territories with Legislature viz. Delhi & Puducherry and 100% Central assistance to the Union Territories without Legislature.

4. The States and Union Territories are requested to submit their proposals for procurement/replacement of kitchen devices in the following table

Enrolment slab	No. of Schools	Total funds required (in Rs)	Central Share (in Rs)	Minimum Mandatory State/UT Share (in Rs)
Up to 50				
51 to 150				
151 to 250				
251 and above				

5. The States and UT should also confirm that they have made adequate budget provision in their budget for central share as well as release of their minimum mandatory share for the reference year. The States and UTs are also required to submit the physical and financial progress of procurement/replacement of kitchen devices sanctioned earlier. The Utilization Certificate as per GFR 12-C should also be submitted for the previous grant.

6. All States and UTs are requested to disseminate the above revisions to all concerned.

Yours faithfully



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Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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