

No. 5-1/2022-Desk (PM POSHAN)
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of School Education & Literacy
(PM POSHAN Division)

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

Dated: 4th August, 2022

Subject: Allocation of food grains to States & UTs under Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Scheme (PM POSHAN Scheme) for the 3rd Quarter (October to December, 2022) and 4th Quarter (January to March, 2023) of financial year 2022-23.

Department of Food & Public Distribution has concurred the allocation of 1302754.51 MTs of food grains, comprising 179905.27 MTs of wheat and 1122849.24 MTs of fortified rice vide O.M. No. 4-2/2022-BP-II dated 2nd August, 2022 (copy enclosed) to States & UTs at National Food Security Act (NFSA) prices i.e. Rs.2.00 per kg of wheat and Rs.3.00 per kg of rice under the PM POSHAN Scheme for the 3rd Quarter (October to December, 2022) and 4th Quarter (January to March, 2023) of financial year 2022-23. Accordingly, the food grains allocation for States & UTs during 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022-23 is enclosed at **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II** respectively. Allocation of food grains for Balvatika, as approved by PAB for the Financial Year 2022-23 is also enclosed at **Annexure-III**.

2. States & UTs are requested to further allocate the food grains to their districts as per their requirement on the basis of approved number of children and working days under intimation to this Department as well as to Food Corporation of India (FCI) for supply of food grains accordingly.

3. After receiving food grains allocation from the States & UTs, the District Administration will send a schedule (periodicity and date/week) of lifting of food grains to the local FCI depot depending upon its requirement, transportation convenience and storage capacity. The validity period for lifting of food grains will be as per extant guidelines. **However, for the 3rd quarter of 2022-23, the food grains can be lifted from the date of this order, as a onetime measure.**

4. District Administration may lift allocated food grains on monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly basis as indicated in its schedule, in accordance with the guidelines issued by Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India vide their letter No. 1-2/2008-BP.II dated 18.9.2008, from the FCI godowns starting from the 1st day of the month preceding the allocation quarter and up to 25th of the last month of the allocation quarter. Districts officers are, therefore, required to be directed to lift the food grains accordingly.

5. Payment of the cost of food grains will be made by District authorities within 20 days of the receipt of bills from FCI as per the guidelines issued by this Department vide letter No. 1-15/2009- Desk(MDM) dated 10.2.2010. The guidelines

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for decentralization of payment of cost of food grains to FCI at district level under PM POSHAN Scheme (erstwhile Mid Day Meal Scheme) may also be downloaded from the website of this Department www.mdm.nic.in. These instructions may be followed strictly by all the States & UTs.

6. Procedure laid down in para 3.6 to 3.9 of the above mentioned guidelines dated 10.02.2010 on decentralization of payment of cost of food grains shall be followed meticulously to ensure that the best quality food grains, which in any case will not be inferior to Fair Average Quality (FAQ), is lifted from the FCI godown. The process followed at the time of receipt of food grains from FCI depots should be repeated at each level till the food grains reach the end user to ensure that only good quality food grains are delivered for consumption by children. Records/samples to ensure quality should be maintained at all levels.

7. As per para 5.4 of PM POSHAN Guidelines, a monthly report on off take, payment and quantity of food grains sent to schools/cooking agency may be furnished in the prescribed format latest by 15th of the following month on regular basis.

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The Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries to the Nodal Department of State Govt. & UT Administration dealing with PM POSHAN Scheme

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Copy to:

1. The Executive Director (Sales), Food Corporation of India, 16-20, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi – 110 001 with the photocopy of the above mentioned OM of the Department of Food & Public Distribution for issuing instruction to all concerned to make available at least of FAQ quality of foodgrains at the FCI godowns, facilitate lifting of the same and submit bills to district authorities within 10 days after lifting for payment by them.
2. The Under Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution (BP-II Section), Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi w.r.t. their OM No. 4-2/2022-BP-II dated 02.08.2022
3. The Directors, PM POSHAN Scheme of all the States & UTs for necessary action.
4. PS to E.A(SE&L)
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