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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy

ShastriBhawan, New Delhi
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To

The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Education and the Nodal Department for implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme in all States and Union Territories.

Subject: Guidelines clarifying the provisions of section 5(2) of National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 and rule 5 (2) of Mid Day Meal Rules, 2015

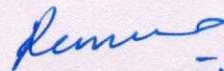
Sir / Madam,

I am directed to say that Section 32(1) of National Food Security Act, 2013 provides that the provisions of the Act shall not preclude the Central Government or the State Government from continuing or formulating other food based welfare schemes. The Ministry of Law & Justice (Legislative Department) has advised that taking a constructive meaning and keeping Section 32 (1) in view, the Central Government could have an intervention such as organized centralised kitchen in rural areas as well as urban areas through appropriate guidelines and measures.

2. Therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 32(1) of National Food Security Act, 2013, the Guidelines on centralized kitchens in urban as well as identified rural areas which have good road connectivity for cooking and serving hot cooked meals under Mid Day Meal Scheme are enclosed herewith for information and implementation.

Encl. As above.

Yours faithfully,


(R.C.Meena) 1/10/2019

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

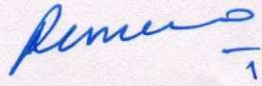
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The following is hereby issued under section 5 (2) of the National Food Security Act, 2013, read with section 32 (1) of the National Food Security Act, 2013 and Rule 5(2) of Mid Day Meal Rules, 2015 -

“Every school shall have the facility of cooking meal in hygienic manner and schools in urban areas and identified rural areas which have good road connectivity and viable cluster of schools, for the purpose of leveraging efficiency gains, may use the facility of centralized kitchens for cooking meals wherever required in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government and the meal shall be served to children in respective schools only.”


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