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Dated the 29th December, 2017

Dear

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), Government of India (GoI) has created a buffer stock of 19.20 Lakh tonnes of pulses through domestic procurement and imports. The Union Cabinet has taken a decision that all Ministries and Departments having schemes with a Nutrition Component shall utilize pulses from this Central Buffer for their schemes.

2. At present, under the MDM Scheme, pulses are procured directly by States and UTs by utilizing the funds available under the item "cooking cost". Now, as per this decision of Government of India, pulses will be supplied under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) 'in-kind' through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED). Therefore, all States and UTs will need to make necessary arrangements for this.

3. This Department has held a series of meetings with senior most officials of FCI and NAFED along with some States. We have also requested NAFED to hold consultations with all State and UT Mid Day Meal Authorities and with the State Civil Supplies Corporations for finalizing the logistics. A Background Note on the issue is enclosed at Annexure-I.

4. You are requested to discuss this matter with all concerned authorities in your State / UT including Civil Supplies Corporation and to fill the questionnaire enclosed at Annexure-II. This should be returned by 5th January, 2018 to v.shashank@nic.in and vbgurala.edu@gov.in as a meeting is scheduled immediately thereafter between the Secretary (School Education) and the Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs.

With regards,

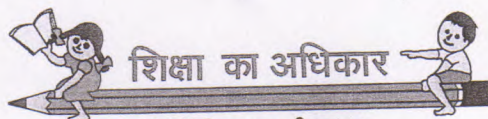
Yours sincerely,

(Rina Ray)

Encl.: As above.

Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries (Education) of all States and UTs (As per list)

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Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 29th December, 2017

To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Education)/ Nodal Department for Mid Day Meal Scheme in all States/UTs.

Subject: Utilisation of Pulses from Buffer Stock in Mid Day Meal Scheme

Sir/Madam,

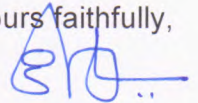
I am directed to say that the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) has created buffer stock of 19.20 Lakh tones of pulses through domestic procurement and imports. The Government of India has decided that all Ministries/Departments having nutrition component in their schemes will use pulses from the above buffer stock.

2. Accordingly the pulses are proposed to be supplied 'in-kind' under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) instead of procuring them from the cooking cost assistance as per the existing practice. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) would supply the pulses to the States and UTs as per their requirement.

3 The officers from NAFED propose to meet the officers of the State Government dealing with Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) and State Civil Supplies Corporations for studying the existing system of supply chain management under MDMS and to explore the possibility of convergence with it so as to ensure that pulses from the buffer stock are delivered in a seamless manner up to the end user which may be a school or Self Help Group or a Centralized Kitchen. They may require your guidance and discussions with the officers of State/UT for this purpose.

4. You are requested to kindly extend necessary cooperation to the officers of NAFED during their visit to your State/UT.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to:

- i) Shri A.K.Rath, Executive Director, NAFED
- ii) Director (MDM) in all States/UTs

Copy for information to:

- i) Principal Adviser, Department of Consumer Affairs, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

Background Note on Use of Pulses from the Buffer Stock of Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), Government of India

Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA). Govt. of India has created buffer stock of 19.20 Lakh tonnes of pulses through domestic procurement and imports under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme. A net stock of 19.2 lakh tonnes was available with DoCA as on 9th August, 2017.

2. In order to dispose of the pulses from the buffer stock, DoCA requested the Ministries viz.. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Child and Women Development, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and other ministries to indicate their requirement for use of pulses from the buffer stock in their schemes which have nutrition component.

3. Govt. of India has taken a decision that all Ministries/Departments having schemes with a Nutrition Component would utilize pulses from the Central Buffer for these schemes. The decisions taken are as under:

- i) Ministries/Departments may amend the relevant provisions/rules/guidelines of their Schemes for taking/providing pulses from the buffer built by the Government.
- ii) The requirement of pulses may be conveyed within 3 month of the approval of the proposal.
- iii) DoCA may offer pulses from the buffer stock at prices as may be determined as follows:

For Centrally Sponsored Schemes(including MDM)

a) When the market rates are lower than the cost of pulses from the buffer:

The prices of pulses from the buffer may be at market rates which may be recommended by Price Stabilization Fund Monitoring Committee (PFSMC) and implemented with the approval of Committee of Secretaries (CoS).

b) When the market rates are higher than the cost of pulses from the buffer:

The rates may be recommended by Committee of Secretaries (CoS) based on consideration such as cost recovery, exigencies, stock position, price intervention needed etc.

c) *Subsidy:*

The subsidy requirement, if any, emanating from such supply, would be met from the PSF and as per the procedure approved by CCEA in its meeting of 12th Sep, 2016.

d) *These prices may be reviewed at a pre-determined periodicity.*

- iv) The logistics/transport cost of supply of pulses would be borne as per the existing provisions wherever applicable. The specific details of cost sharing for logistics/transport would be finalized by the concerned Department in consultation with DoCA and with the approval of CoS.
- v) The payment for the supply of pulses from the buffer may be made by the concerned Central Ministry/Department operating the scheme against the bills submitted by the designated agency.

DoCA has asked MHRD to undertake necessary amendments in the Scheme/Guidelines to ensure compliance with the above decisions and convey the requirement of pulses by 9th February, 2018.

Questionnaire

S.No.	Questionnaire	Reply of the States and UTs
1.	What is the annual requirement of pulses (types of pulses and pulses wise quantities) including requirement of Rajma, chana, besan etc. if required? <i>(Provide information in Appendix-I enclosed)</i>	
2.	What are the desired packet sizes of various types of pulses to be supplied? <i>(Provide information in Appendix-I enclosed)</i>	
3.	What is the desired periodicity of lifting of pulses? [Monthly / Quarterly and please specify the months (tentative)].	
4.	How would you propose to arrange the logistics for lifting the pulses? It would appear that there are three options viz. a) To lift pulses from NAFED godowns b) To ask NAFED to keep pulses at FCI godowns along with the foodgrains and c) Request NAFED to deliver pulses at State Civil Supplies Corporation godowns.	
5.	Will there be any additional cost for lifting the pulses? How do you propose to meet this additional cost?	
6.	Regarding the periodicity of review of price of pulses, the DoCA has suggested quarterly review of price fixation. Are you satisfied with the above suggestion of DoCA?	
7.	Due to supply of pulses in kind, cost of pulses will need to be deducted from the cooking cost. How do you propose to manage the rest of the components of the cooking cost as per norms?	
8.	Any other comments / suggestions that you would like to raise.	

Appendix to Annexure-II

Type of pulses	Packet size (tick your choices)			Requirement of pulses for 2018-19 (in quintals)				
	2 kg	5 kg	10 kg	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 = (5+6+7+8)
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Moong								
Urad								
Pulse 5								
Pulse 6 ...								