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Dated 28th June, 2021

D.O. No.15-15/2021-Desk (MDM)

Dear Sir / Madam,

As you are aware the National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools, popularly known as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes which is also covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). The primary objective of the scheme is to improve the nutritional status of children studying in classes I-VIII in eligible schools. Ministry of Education releases central assistance to the States and UTs as per the approved funding pattern for providing hot cooked mid-day meals on all school working days to all children studying in elementary classes (I-VIII) in all Government schools, Government-aided schools etc.

2. Children who regularly come to school receive cooked Mid-day Meal, in normal school days, through this meal, one of the meals of the day and Recommended Dietary Allowance of children is secured as per the National Food Security Act (NFSA). During the closure of schools due to COVID-19, the provision of cooked Mid-Day Meal was not feasible therefore, considering the prevailing circumstances and also as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of India approved the provision of FSA comprising of food grains and pulses oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) to all eligible children in lieu of hot cooked mid-day meal.

3. It is an incontrovertible fact that Mid Day Meal exerts a positive influence on enrolment and attendance in schools. Therefore, the provision of a healthy nutritious hot cooked Mid-day meal is of utmost importance. A nutritionally balanced Mid-day meal contains prescribed calories, proteins and other nutrients, when prepared with prescribed quantities of food items as per MDM Guidelines. Provisions have already been made under the MDM Guidelines 2006, for the awareness generation of the parents and other community members to know about the rights of their children w.r.t Mid-day Meal.

4. Para no. 6.3 MDM Guidelines, envisages the "Display of Information under Right to Information Act". The following information should be displayed on a weekly/monthly basis as suo moto information under the Right to Information Act.

- i. Quantity of food grains received, date of receipt.
- ii. Quantity of food grains utilized
- iii. Other ingredients purchased, utilized
- iv. Number of children given mid-day meal / FSA.
- v. Daily Menu

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vi. Roster of Community Members involved in the programme In addition to above, the States and UTs shall also develop dedicated mechanism for public grievance redressal, which should be widely publicized and made easily accessible (like toll free call facility etc.).

5. You may be aware about the food and nutrition entitlements of each eligible child under Mid Day Meal Scheme. The same are reproduced below for reiteration:

S. N.	Items	Primary	Upper Primary
A. Nutrition norm per child per day			
1.	Calorie	450	700
2.	Protein	12 gms	20 gms
B. Food norms per child per day			
1.	Food grains	100 gms	150 gms
2.	Pulses	20 gms	30 gms
3.	Vegetables (leafy also)	50 gms	75 gms
4.	Oil & fat	5 gms	7.5 gms
5.	Salt & condiments	As per need	As per need

6. You would agree that awareness of one's rights under any scheme not only empowers the beneficiaries but also ensures better service delivery. This aspect has been highlighted in social audits conducted in various States and also in the reports of various Joint Review Missions.

7. Therefore, you are requested to issue necessary instructions to the concerned district/block and school authorities to **ensure the display of above information in every school at a prominently visible place for information of all**. I would also request you to circulate the above information using creative designs, short videos, posters etc through various social media channels for the awareness of all the stakeholders. I shall appreciate a status note on compliance of these instructions latest by 15th July, 2021.

A little extra effort on your part will go a long way to ensure that every child receives her / his entitled nutrition under Mid Day Meal School.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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To,

The Additional Chief Secretaries /Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of Education or the Nodal department for implementation of Mid- Day Meal Scheme in all States and UTs.

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Commissioner / Director (MDM) of all States/UTs.