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D.No. 4-2/2020-MDM 1-1 (EE.5)

Dated 6th March, 2023

Respected Madam/Sir,

Please refer to this Department's DO letter of even no. dated 28th September, 2020 and DO letter no. 4-7/2018 dated 08.08.2018 (copies enclosed) to include honey in PM Poshan (Mid-day Meal Scheme) Scheme as it is a complete meal containing major components of meal and micro-nutrients that enhance digestion and absorption of major dietary components.

2. In this regard, please find enclosed M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare's DO letter no. 13/01/2020-NBB dated 01st February, 2023 wherein it is requested to include honey in Mid Day Meal Scheme to support the beekeeping industry and to increase the consumption of honey in the country.

3. Considering the nutritional value and other positive benefits of honey, you are advised to take suitable steps to include honey either on its own or as an ingredient in different food items under PM POSHAN Scheme.

With Regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

Prachi Pandey
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(Prachi Pandey)

To,

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Education) – Concerned States, PM POSHAN Scheme

Copy for necessary action to:

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- (iii) Commissioner, NVS.



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R.C. MEENA
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D.O. No. 4-2/2020-MDM- 1-1(EE.5)

Dated the 28th September, 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find enclosed a D.O. letter from Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, for exploring the feasibility of inclusion of Honey and Mushroom under Mid Day Meal Scheme.

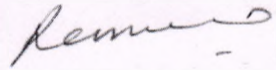
2. Honey is a complete meal containing major components of meal and micro-nutrients that enhance digestion and absorption of major dietary components. There have been extensive steps taken by M/o Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for overall development of Beekeeping and developed awareness in farmers and other stakeholders leading to substantial increase in honey production in India.

3. Mushroom is proven super-food. Supplementation of mushroom base recipe in mid-day meal will bridge the protein deficiency gap. Mushroom is also rich in folic acid which is beneficial for brain health. It also contains Vitamin B2, Potassium, Copper, Zinc as well as Vitamin D which rarely found in vegetable food. M/o Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under National Horticulture Board has taken various steps to promote mushroom cultivation in India.

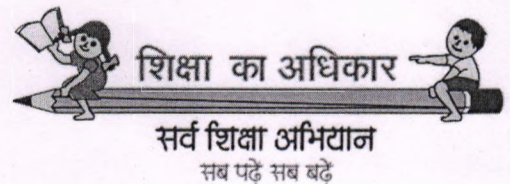
4. Considering the nutritional value and other positive benefits of honey and mushroom, you are advised to take suitable steps to include these food items under Mid Day Meal Programme. I shall appreciate if an action taken note is provided to us in this regard.

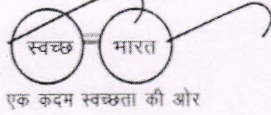
With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(R.C. MEENA)

All the Secretaries/Chief Secretaries of States/UTs





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D.O. No. 4-7/2018-MDM-1-1(EE-5)

Dated the 8th August, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am enclosing a self-explanatory D.O. letter from Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, regarding inclusion of honey under Mid-day Meal scheme.

2. This is for information and action as appropriate.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

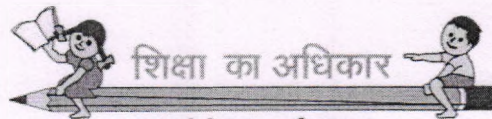
(V. Shashank Shekhar)

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Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, IAS

Additional Secretary



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D.O.No. 13/01/2020-NBB

Dated 01st Feb, 2023

San An,

As you are aware that beekeeping, besides increasing the yield of various horticultural & agricultural crops through pollination support, also produces honey and other beehive products, viz.; Royal Jelly, Propolis, Pollen, Bees Wax, Bee Venom, Comb Honey, etc. which generate income and employment for beekeepers/ farmers/ rural peoples and thus also serves as source of livelihood.

2. It is to inform that National Bee Board (NBB) functioning under this Ministry is mandated for overall promotion and development of scientific beekeeping in the country. NBB is also implementing a central Sector Scheme entitled National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) under AtmaNirbhar Bharat Announcement to achieve the goal of "Sweet Revolution".

3. Under NBHM, NBB is also promoting and supporting Honey FPOs, FPCs, SHGs, Cooperatives, Agristarup, etc. to boost the honey production in the country. This will lead to increase the domestic honey production and its consumption.

4. To support the beekeeping industry and to increase the consumption of honey in the country, you are requested to include honey in Mid-Day Meal Scheme and other such type of schemes of Ministry of Human Resource Development. Honey in children's diet will also enhance the nutritional intake and will address the problem of mal-nutrition in the children as well.

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Yours Sincerely,

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