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**Dated the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

*Respected Madams/ Sirs,*

You may be aware that the Central Government has approved the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme upto 2025-26. Now the Scheme is due for appraisal and approval by the competent authority for the next five year cycle of 2026-27 to 2030-31. However, the Ministry of Finance has conveyed that, in the interest of uninterrupted implementation of the on-going schemes which are ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2026, (i) all such Schemes will be extended up-to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 or date of approval of the scheme for the 16<sup>th</sup> FC cycle by the competent authority, whichever is earlier; (ii) Such temporary extension of the existing scheme shall have the same scope, structure, nature, coverage cost norms and other terms & conditions as was applicable for the 15<sup>th</sup> FC period.

2. At the National Level, the Department of School Education and Literacy has established a system of Programme Approval Board- PM POSHAN (PAB - PM POSHAN), under the chairpersonship of Secretary, DoSEL. The PAB - PM POSHAN comprising of experts and representatives from various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India meets every year to

- i. To review the status and progress of the implementation of PM POSHAN Scheme in the respective State / UT.
- ii. To consider and approve the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) proposals for implementation of PM POSHAN Scheme for the coming financial year submitted by the State / UT.

3. The meetings of PAB - PM POSHAN for 2026-27 are likely to commence in the first week of May, 2026. The schedule for pre-PAB and PAB meetings will be shared shortly. In order to enable us to appraise the AWP&B 2026-27, the States and UTs are required to submit their AWP&B proposals in the prescribed formats by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

4. The States and UTs, in the AWP&B are requested to provide comprehensive proposals based on number of children to be covered, number of working days, number of Cook-Cum-Helpers to be engaged, requirement for kitchen cum stores, kitchen devices, repair of kitchen cum stores, supplementary nutrition items and School Nutrition Gardens under flexi component etc.

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The AWP&B formats (writeup and tables) are designed in a manner to capture detailed information on all aspects of implementation of the scheme and proposal for next year. You are requested to ensure that the information and plan of action provided by State in these formats adequately reflect the State's commitment and vision to achieve the objectives of the PM POSHAN scheme, which is the world's largest school nutrition programme. The information provided in the writeup portion should be elaborate and in sync with the information given in the tables. States and UTs are also advised to prepare a comprehensive Plan for Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) component under the scheme. For achieving better outcomes and monitoring, an annual calendar of activities clearly laying down timelines for different activities may be prepared.

5. Please ensure that the AWP&B for 2026-27, duly signed by the State/UTs Secretary, Education/Nodal Department for implementation of PM POSHAN Scheme, is submitted on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 after due approval by the State Level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (SSMC).

6. You may advise the concerned officers to go through the formats of the State/District Plans for preparing a comprehensive Annual Work Plan & Budget 2026-27. The blank copies of the formats may be downloaded from our official website. These formats should be filled carefully by providing all the relevant information envisaged there under. Any incomplete information in the write up portion or formats would delay the appraisal of the AWP&B 2026-27. In case any guidance is required, the concerned officers may contact the respective Director / Deputy Secretary.

7. Let us join hands to prepare Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time bound (SMART) action plans and actively implement them towards achieving the objectives of the scheme with sustained improvements in nutritional status of children.

*With kind regards.*

Yours Sincerely,

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**(Asheesh Joshi)**

To

The Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries Education or the Nodal Department for implementation of PM POSHAN scheme in all States and UTs.

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- i. Commissioner / Director (PM POSHAN) of all States/UTs.
- ii. PPS to Secretary (SE&L).
- iii. Dir(SS) / Dir(KCM) / DS(PKS) / DS(RCM).