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Government of India
Ministry Education
Department of School Education & Literacy

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Dated the 31st August, 2022

Dear Madams/Sirs,

As you may be aware the Cabinet has approved and positioned several nutritional interventions viz., Tithi Bhojan, School Nutrition Gardens, Social Audit in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the PM-Poshan scheme. Social audit in all districts has been made mandatory. Social Audit is the process through which the citizens can collectively monitor and evaluate the planning and implementation of a govt. programme/scheme. Through Social Audit, community participation can be attracted and channelized towards implementation of the PM POSHAN scheme. No Government programme is successful unless and until it is fully supported by the public at large.

2. The objective of Social Audit is to create awareness among beneficiaries about the scheme, to empower public/beneficiaries to hold the Government accountable, to address problems and identify bottlenecks at the grassroots level so that strategic approach may be adopted for effective implementation of the scheme and it also helps in popularizing and strengthening the scheme at the grassroots level.

3. National Food Security Act 2013, has made provision for periodical Social audit in Section 28 (1) on the functioning of welfare schemes in the States. PM-POSHAN(Mid Day Meal) Rules 2015, have been notified under National Food Security Act 2013 and enforced in all eligible schools with special attention to Rule 7, Rule 8 & Rule 9 of PM POSHAN(MDM) rules. Realizing the importance of the Social audit under PM POSHAN by Government of India, Social Audit Guidelines were issued, which are available on the website <https://pmposhan.education.gov.in/> to enable the State Governments to conduct social audit for monitoring the implementation of the scheme.

4. During the PAB-PM POSHAN meetings also the States&UTs have been directed to conduct social audit in all schools covering all districts for the year 2021-22 and also advised to conduct Social Audit of the scheme in all the districts every year.

5. You are therefore requested to initiate action for conduct of social audit of PM POSHAN in all districts in your State/UT for the year 2021-22 on priority basis and as per MoE guidelines and conclude it with mandatory Public hearing by 30th November 2022 under intimation to this Ministry.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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All the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries(Education)/
All Nodal Departments for PM POSHAN.