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1. All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education in H.P.
2. All the Principals/head Masters GSSS/GHS in Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: -

Modified procedure for release of funds under centrally sponsored Mid Day Meal scheme and Monitoring utilization of the funds released completion of preparatory activities thereof .

and

Distribution of Food Security Allowance (FSA) to the eligible students under Mid Day Meal Scheme for the closure period of schools in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

Your attention is invited to Directorate of Elementary Education letter no. EDN-H(EE)(6)4-6/2021-22 PFMS MDM dated: 17/09/2021 and letter no. EDN-H(Ele)6-4/15/2018-19-MDM Covid dated: 24/09/2021 received from the Director Elementary Education, Himachal Pradesh Shimla on the subject cited above.

In this connection, you are hereby directed to look into the matter and take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

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Addl. Director of Higher Education (Admin.)
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

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Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Director, Elementary Education, Shimla, HP w.r.t. letter under reference.
2. Technical Officer, I.T. Cell Directorate of Higher Education with request to upload the same on the departmental website.
3. Guard file.

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No. EDN-H(Ele.)6-4/15/2018-19-MDM Covid
Directorate of Elementary Education
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated, Shimla-171001 the September, 2021

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2. All the Deputy Directors(Higher Education), Himachal Pradesh.

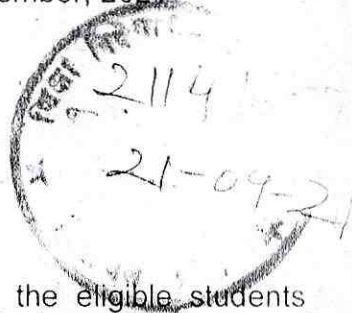
Subject:- Distribution of Food Security Allowance (FSA) to the eligible students under Mid Day Meal Scheme for the closure period of schools in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

Sir / Madam,

In continuation of this Directorate letter of even No. Dated 22-04-2021 on the subject cited above. In this regard, it is informed that the Government of India has announced distribution of free-of- cost food grains @ 5 Kg per person per month to nearly 80 Crore beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) over and above NFSA. Accordingly, food grains for May and June 2021 on the same pattern as done in the earlier "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKA Y)" are being distributed. Under this special scheme (PMGKAY), around 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries covered under both categories of NFSA, namely Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Householders (PHH), will be provided with an additional quota of free-of-cost foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) at a scale of 5 Kg per person per month, over and above their regular monthly entitlements under PDS Scheme under NFSA.

However, the Government of India is committed to safeguard nutritional levels of children in order to protect their immunity during the challenging pandemic times. As a fillip to the provision of free food grains under PMGKAY, it has been decided with the approval of Hon'ble Shiksha Mantri ji of GOI to provide monetary assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of cooking cost component of MDM to all eligible children as per MDM norms for summer vacation period of 2021 only as a one time special welfare measure.

In view of the above, it is once again reiterated to expedite the distribution process of Food Security Allowance (FSA) comprising per day per child prescribed quantity of foodgrains (rice) @ 100 gms for Primary and @ 150 gms for Upper Primary students excluding vacations period and cooking cost @ Rs.4.97 for Primary and @ Rs. 7.45 for Upper Primary students (or its equivalent pulses, oil etc.) to the eligible school students under Mid Day Meal Scheme for the closure period of schools including vacation period due to lockdown/curfew in view of COVID-19 pandemic during 2021-22, since this will meet the nutritional requirements of the eligible students under Mid Day Meal Scheme and in order to safeguard their immunity which is very vital during the COVID-19 outbreak. You are therefore, once again directed to expedite the distribution process of Food Security Allowance (FSA) i.e. entitled raw foodgrains (rice) & payment of per day per child cooking cost through their Bank Account to the eligible school students under MDMS. In case the Bank Accounts of the eligible students are not available, the amount may be transferred in the Bank Accounts of their Parents (preferably mothers) Bank Account of the students. In this regard, you are also directed to continue the distribution process of Food Security Allowance

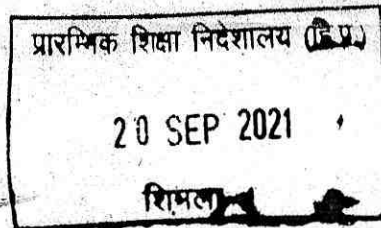


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(FSA) i.e. per day per child entitled quantity of raw foodgrains (rice) and payment of per day per child entitled amount of cooking cost to the eligible students under MDMS of Primary and Upper Primary classes respectively till the re-opening of the schools and till the regular hot cooked meal is not resumed in schools. However, It may be ensured on priority that students who are eligible / entitled for regular hot cooked mid day meal in schools under Mid Day Meal Scheme are not left without providing the above said benefit of Food Security Allowance (FSA) and furnish the requisite information w.e.f 01.04.2021 to 30.06.2021 & 01.07.2021 to 30.09.2021 on the prescribed formats as per **Annexure-I, II** immediately to this office along with soft copies of good quality high resolution photographs of the distribution process through e-mail, so that the consolidated information of the State could be submitted to the Government of India through State Government.

In this context, you are further directed to randomly verify & check at least 25% schools in each districts with regard to the distribution of Food Security Allowance (FSA) i.e. Food Security Allowance (FSA) i.e. per day per child entitled quantity of raw foodgrains (rice) and entitled amount of cooking cost for primary & upper primary students through their Bank Accounts of Parents (Preferably 11 months) Bank Accounts for the financial year 2021-22 and submit the **detailed status report of your District on or before 15-10-2021** to this office, so that the same could be submitted to the Government. However, it may be ensured that if any irregularities, malpractices/ misappropriation of funds are found during the course of random verification & checking stern action may be taken / proposed against the defaulter officers /officials as warranted under the rules.

This may be treated as most urgent, time bound and be given top priority and personal attention in the matter please.



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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171002 for information please.
2. The Director (Higher Education) Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001 with the request to issue similar instructions to all the DDHEs, Principals GSSS's & Head Master's GHS's for taking similar necessary action in the matter under intimation to this office please.
3. Guard file.

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Details of hot cooked meals or Food Security Allowance (FSA) provided to children during closure of schools excluding vacation period (summer & winter both) in view of COVID-19 pandemic for FY 21-22 (w.e.f. 01-04-2021 to 30-06-2021)

Name of District:											
Sr. No	District	Stage	Total days the schools remain closed due to COVID-19	Number of days MDIM or FSA provided to children	Total schools	Number of schools covered	Total Enrollment	Number of children provided with	Number of children Provided with		
									Food Security Allowance (FSA)		
			(w.e.f. 01-04-2021 to 30-06-2021)								
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Full Name
Deputy Director Elementary Education
District _____ H.P.
(Seal)

Date

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2. All the Deputy Directors (Higher Education)
Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:- Modified Procedure for release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Mid Day Meal Scheme and Monitoring utilization of the funds released-Completion of preparatory activities thereof.

Sir/ Madam,

Your kind attention is drawn towards this Directorate letter of even No. dated 17.8.2021 on the subject cited above.

In this context, as you are already aware that the GOI has modified the procedure for release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Mid Day Meal Scheme and Monitoring the utilization of funds released through Public Finance Management System (PFMS). In this regard you have already been intimated vide this Directorate letter referred to above that Single Nodal Account (SNA) has been opened for Centrally Sponsored Mid Day Meal Scheme at Directorate level in the ICICI Bank vide Account No. 366801000421 IFSC Code ICIC0003668 which has also been registered / linked on PFMS and also registered / linked in the State Treasury Department. However, the process of opening / mapping of zero balance subsidiary accounts for Implementing Agencies (IAS) down to ladder i.e. District & Block level is in progress which will be completed very shortly.

In this regard, it is further stated that as per GOI, directions the unspent funds available in the Bank Accounts at all Implementing Agencies (IA's) level below the State Nodal Account (SNA) i.e. District, Block & School level will be transferred to the Bank Account of the Single Nodal Account (SNA) already mentioned above with clear cut bifurcation of the Centre & State share in a time bound manner.

In view of the above, you are therefore requested to direct all the BEEOs and Schools to transfer all the unspent funds available in the Bank Accounts in respect of Centrally Sponsored Mid Day Meal Scheme at District, Block & School level to the Single Nodal Account (SNA) No. 366801000421 IFSC Code ICIC0003668 (ICICI Bank) with clear cut bifurcation of the Centre & State share funds latest by 25.9.2021, since the future release of funds under Centrally Sponsored Mid Day Meal Scheme will be released on the basis of SNA balances, failing which payments of DDO's may be stopped. However, all the DDO's may ensure to further stop preparing any bills in respect of Mid Day Meal Scheme and also stop all draws for the said scheme forthwith till further order to make zero balance accounts of MDMS at all levels i.e. at District, Block & School level as per GOI guidelines/directions. It is pertinent to mention here that the DDEE's, DDHE's and BEEO's will also furnish the requisite information with regard to the transfer of funds in respect of Centrally Sponsored Mid Day Meal Scheme to the said SNA on the attached format I, II & III, so that the matter could be processed further in time.

This may be treated as most urgent & time bound please.

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