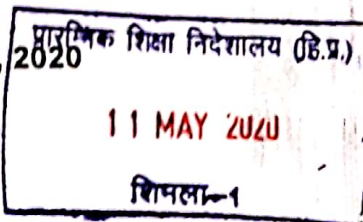


**MOST URGENT**

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

Dated- Shimla-171001

the May,



To

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

Subject: -

**Distribution of raw food grains(rice) & payment of prescribed amount of per child per day cooking cost to the school children of primary & upper primary classes under Mid Day Meal Scheme for the closure period of schools due to recent Novel Corona Virus infection (COVID-19) in the State.**

Sir / Madam,

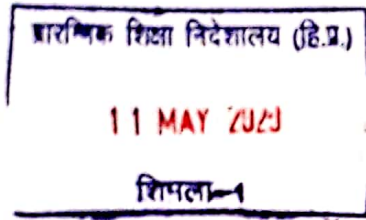
In continuation of this Directorate letters of even No. Dated 20<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March,2020,vide which you were directed to provide/ distribute the entitled quantity of food grains(rice) and payment of prescribed amount of per child per day cooking cost to the parents/guardians of all the eligible children studying in primary classes(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) and upper primary classes(6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) as the case may be as per Rule-9 of Mid Day Meal Rules 2015 framed by the Government of India, MHRD (Department of School Education & Literacy) under sub-section (1) read with clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 39 of the National Food security Act,2013(20 of 2013) under Mid Day Meal Scheme for the closure period of schools(excluding holidays) due to recent Novel Corona Virus infection (COVID-19) outbreak.

In this context, it is once again re-iterated that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order Dated 18<sup>th</sup> March,2020 in Suo Moto writ petition (C) No.2/2020 regarding " closure of Mid Day Meal Scheme" has observed that:

"In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19, most of States have directed closure of schools\*\*\*\*\*. The Mid-Day-Meal Scheme under which nutritional food is supplied to the children undertaking education is implemented through various schools in the State. On account of shutdown of the schools\*\*\*\*\* the children would be deprived of the nutritional food. Non-supply of nutritional food to the children\*\*\*\*\* may lead to large-scale malnourishment. Such mal-nutrition may affect their immunity system and as such, such children.....would be more prone to catch the infection. While dealing with one crisis, the situation may not lead to creation of another crisis.

In that view of matter, it is necessary that\*\*\*\*\* schemes for providing nutritional food to the children may not adversely affected."

Supreme Court directives as well as GOI, MHRD instructions with reference to Mid Day Meal Rules 2015, you are directed to continue the distribution of entitled quantity of raw foodgrains (rice) and payment of prescribed amount of per child per day cooking cost to the parents/ guardians of all the eligible children studying in primary classes (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) and upper primary classes(6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) for the further closure period of schools due to lockdown / curfew in the State in view of Novel Corona Virus infection (COVID-19) outbreak. It is also pertinent to reiterate here that all precautionary measures to face the situation arising out of Novel COVID-19(Corona) Virus, as advised by the Central and State Government shall be followed. The regular Mid-Day-Meal shall resume as soon as the schools re-open. Action taken report be submitted expeditiously to this office, so that the Government may be apprised accordingly. This may be treated as most urgent and be given top priority & personal attention.



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Endst. No. Even Dated Shimla-171001 the May, 2020

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001 for information please.
2. All The Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh for necessary action with the request to extend full co-operation and assistance to the Education Department for the above mentioned purpose please.
3. Guard file.

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