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Directorate of Elementary Education
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated, Shimla-171001 the 20th March, 2020

To

1. All the Deputy Directors(Elementary Education),
Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Deputy Directors(Higher Education),
Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Block Elementary Education Officers,
Himachal Pradesh.

प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा निदेशालय (हि.प्र.)

20 MAR 2020

शिमला-1

Subject:-

Distribution of raw foodgrains(rice) & cooking cost to the school children of primary & upper primary classes under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme for the period of closure of schools due to novel Coronavirus infection (COVID-19) in the State.

Sir/Madam,

As you are already aware that in order to prevent and further spread of the pandemic outbreak of novel Coronavirus infection(COVID-19), the State Government of Himachal Pradesh is constantly engaged in taking all necessary steps to contain the spread of the virus in the state. As part of measures taken to prevent the spread of Coronavirus infection(COVID-19), the State Government has decided to go on high alert and has ordered all schools to remain closed till March 31st, 2020.

In this regard, it is stated that presently all schools remain closed for rest of the working days in the month of March, 2020, children in the primary and upper primary classes are being deprived of the nutritious mid day meal they had been getting from their schools under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme. Since, as per mid day meal scheme guidelines all schools have already procured their quota of foodgrains(rice) and available cooking cost with all the schools under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme for the school closure period due to abovesaid reasons. Thus the issue under reference has been examined in detail by the Government, that the children who are eligible for mid day meal, under any circumstances, shall not be deprived of their legitimate right for the mid day meal, hence following instructions are issued to all the concerned for immediate compliance in view of 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):-

1. Schools that have not yet procured their allotted quota of foodgrains(rice) for the month of-March, 2020 onwards shall immediately proceed to collect the same from their respective PDS/FPS and store the grains safely in the store units of the schools.
2. On receipt of the allotted quota of foodgrains(rice) for the month of March, 2020 onwards schools shall update the stock entry details of foodgrains(rice) in the

mid day meal stock register as per past practices in all schools.

3. The entitled quantity of foodgrains(rice) i.e. @ 100g per day per child for primary students and @ 150g per day per child for upper primary students shall be distributed to parents/guardians of all the eligible students studying in primary classes (1st - 5th) and upper primary classes (6th -8th) for the period of school closure days due to novel Coronavirus infection(COVID-19) outbreak (excluding gazetted holidays) before 31st March, 2020 without fail.
4. The entitled amount of per child per day cooking cost i.e. @ ₹ 4.48 per day per child for primary students and @ ₹ 6.71 per day per child for upper primary students shall also be distributed to parents/guardians of all the eligible students studying in primary classes (1st - 5th) and upper primary classes (6th -8th) for the abovesaid entitled period before 31st March, 2020 without fail.
5. The school authority shall request the parents/guardians of all the eligible children to come to school to collect the entitled quantity of foodgrains(rice)and cooking cost of their child from their respective schools well before 31st March, 2020.
6. Acknowledgement of the receipt of the foodgrains(rice) distributed and amount of cooking cost paid to the parents of the children shall be obtained from the parents of the children in due format and the acquittance shall also be properly kept in the school record and kept ready for audit and inspection, report of the same shall be provided to the Block Elementary Education Officers as per past prevalent practices in a regular manner.
7. While inviting parents to schools for collecting the foodgrains(rice) as well as cooking cost, adequate care should be taken to avoid gathering or crowding and as such school authorities should strictly adhere to the instructions and advisories issued in this regard by the Government from time to time.

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2. The Director(Mid-Day-Meal-Scheme), Government of India, MHRD(Department of School Education & Literacy), Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115.
3. The Director(Higher Education), Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh.
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