To

The Principal Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Principal Accounts Office,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi.


Sir,

In accordance to the provisions of the Guidelines of National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, 2006, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release of ₹ 344.80 Lakh (Rupees Three Crore Forty Four Lakh and Eighty Thousand only) for Replacement/Procurement of 6896 Kitchen Devices at Primary and Upper Primary stage under National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools to the Government of Himachal Pradesh as per details indicated below:-

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<th>S. No.</th>
<th>State</th>
<th>Number of Kitchen Devices</th>
<th>Amount sanctioned &amp; proposed to be released (Rs. in Lakh)</th>
<th>Circle of accounts in which grantee is located</th>
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| 1.     | Himachal Pradesh | i. Procurement and replacement of 6468 units of kitchen devices sanctioned/procured in 2012-13  
ii. Procurement of 196 units of kitchen devices for new schools for 2017-18  
iii. Procurement of 232 units of kitchen devices for new schools approved by PAB for 2018-19. | ₹ 344.80 Lakh                                             | Himachal Pradesh                                      |

2. As far as possible Procurement and replacement of Kitchen Devices shall be done in a decentralized manner, preferably at school/ block level, so that there is no delay in making available the required devices to the schools. It should be ensured that utilization certificate/expenditure statement for the funds utilized is submitted to this Ministry within 12 months from the closure of the Financial year in which funds is released.
3. It has been decided to release ₹ 344.80 Lakh (Rupees Three Crore Forty Four Lakh and Eighty Thousand only) to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for Replacement/Procurement of 6896 Kitchen Devices under National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools for the year 2018-19. This amount is to be trifurcated into the following heads:-

(i) Rs. 229.57 Lakh will be debited to Demand No. 57 - Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 (Major Head) – Grant-in-Aid to State Governments, 06 –Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 101 – Central Assistance/Share (Minor Head), 10 –National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools (Sub Head), 10.01 – Assistance to States Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (Detailed Head), 10.01.35 – Grants for Creation of Capital Assets for 2018-19 (Plan).

(ii) Rs. 96.20 Lakh will be debited to Demand No. 57 - Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 (Major Head) – Grant-in-Aid to State Governments, 06 –Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 789 – Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes (Minor Head), 10 –National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools (Sub Head), 10.01 – Assistance to States Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (Detailed Head), 10.01.35 – Grants for Creation of Capital Assets for 2018-19 (Plan).

(iii) Rs. 19.03 Lakh will be debited to Demand No. 57 - Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 (Major Head) – Grant-in-Aid to State Governments, 06 –Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 796 –Tribal Area Sub Plan (Minor Head), 10 –National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools (Sub Head), 10.01 – Assistance to States Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (Detailed Head), 10.01.35 – Grants for Creation of Capital Assets for 2018-19 (Plan).

4. Accordingly, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release of Rs. 96.20 Lakh (Rupees Ninety Six Lakh and Twenty Thousand only) to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh as Non-recurring Central assistance under National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools for the year 2018-19.

5. The expenditure of Rs. 96.20 Lakh (Rupees Ninety Six Lakh and Twenty Thousand only) will be debited to Demand No. 57 - Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 (Major Head) – Grant-in-Aid to State Governments, 06 –Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 789 – Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes (Minor Head), 10 –National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools (Sub Head), 10.01 – Assistance to States Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (Detailed Head), 10.01.35 – Grants for Creation of Capital Assets for 2018-19 (Plan).

6. A register of Assets acquired out of this grant shall be maintained as per rules.

7. It is certified that the pattern of assistance under the Scheme has the prior approval of Ministry of Finance, Government of India. It is also certified that this grant is being released in conformity with the rules and principles of the Ministry of Finance.

8. No Utilization Certificate is pending for the previous years.

9. The accounts of the grantee shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and Internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education and Literacy, whenever the grantee is called upon to do so.

( handwritten signature)
10. The amount of grant-in-aid is finally adjustable in the books of Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy, D-Wing, Ground Floor, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 115. On receipt of sanction letter, the Principal Accounts Officer may issue an advice to the Reserve Bank of India (Central Accounts Section), Nagpur for affording credit to the balance of the State Government. The Principal Accounts Officer may forward a copy of the advice to the Accountant General and Finance Department of the State Government along with a copy to undersigned in the Department of School Education & Literacy. State Government shall send intimation regarding receipt of grant-in-aid to Principal Accounts Officer, Ministry of HRD, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110115.

11. Grantee is located in **Himachal Pradesh circle** of account.

12. This issues with the concurrence of **Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No. 2979/2018 dated 23.10.2018** and funds certified by IF.2 vide Dy. No. 335/2018 dated 06.11.2018.

13. The **Sanction ID and E-bill** pertaining to above release has been generated.

Yours faithfully,

(Arnab Dhaki)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to:

1. Dr. Arun Kumar, Secretary, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Education Department, Secretariat, Armsdale Building, Shimla-171 002.
2. The Director, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Education Department, H. P. Secretariat, Armsdale Building, Shimla-171 002
3. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. It is requested that funds released through this sanction letter may be transferred to the Education Department immediately.
4. Director General of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, New Delhi-110 001.
5. Desk (MDM)
6. Consultant (MDM) for website uploading.
7. Guard File

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