

**State of Himachal Pradesh**  
**Adhoc installment**  
**General Component**

F. No. 1-3/2016-EE.6 (MDM-3-1)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
**[Mid-Day Meal Division]**

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

To

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

**Subject: Release of Ad-hoc Recurring Central Assistance to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for National Programme of Mid Day Meal in schools for the year 2016-17.**

Sir,

Pending receipt of unspent balance position as on 1.4.2016, it has been decided to release **₹ 1842.44 Lakh (Rupees Eighteen Crore fourty two lakh and fourty four thousand only)** to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh as an ad-hoc recurring Central assistance on the basis of PAB-MDM approval for the year 2015-16 under National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools for the year 2016-17, as per component wise details given below:-

(₹ in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Central Share	Minimum Mandatory State Share in the ratio of 90:10
1	2	3	4
<b>Primary + Upper Primary</b>			
1	Cost of Food grains	184.32	
2	Cooking Cost	1131.47	125.72
3	Honorarium to Cooks-cum-Helpers	442.53	49.17
4	Transportation Assistance	51.55	
5	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME)	32.57	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1842.44</b>	<b>174.89</b>

2.(i) *The State Finance Department must release Central Assistance along with the minimum matching contribution of State share to the Education Department or the nodal department for implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) immediately.*

(ii) *The Education Department or the nodal department for MDMS must release the Central Assistance as well as State Government's matching contribution to the schools/implementing agencies within a week.*

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- (iv) All other provisions made in the above guidelines issued should be strictly complied.
- (v) The States/UTs may evolve a system for on-line payment to FCI to avoid delay.
- (vi) The information on month-wise payment to FCI may be made available to this Department on regular basis.

**[B] Cooking Cost:**

- (i) State/UT's norm of expenditure towards cooking cost shall under no circumstances be fixed at a level less than ₹ 3.59 upto 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 and ₹ 3.86 from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 onwards per child per school day for primary stage and ₹ 5.38 upto 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 and ₹ 5.78 from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 onwards per child per school day for upper primary stage and NCLP schools.
- (ii) State Government should release 10% minimum mandatory State Share of cooking cost simultaneously.
- (iii) States/UTs will not reduce its own budgetary allocation for cooked Mid-Day Meal Programme below the level of BE: 2005-06.
- (iv) As stipulated in the MDM Guidelines, 2006 [para 3.3(iv)], States/UTs shall ensure that a minimum of one-month's requirement of cooking cost is available in each school as advance through-out 2015-16.
- (v) The States/UTs may evolve online transfer of funds to schools/implementing agencies.

**[C] Transportation Cost:**

- (i) Earlier the Grant of Central Assistance towards transportation cost was based on flat rate of ₹ 750/- per MT for State/UT and ₹ 1250/- per MT for North Eastern Region States & Uttarakhand, J & K and Uttarakhand as a whole or actual expenditure whichever is less. It was decided that the admissibility of transportation assistance for 11 Special Category States shall be revised to the rate prevalent under the public Distribution System (PDS) in these States in place of the earlier assistance at a flat rate of ₹ 125/- per quintal vide order No. 1-1/2009-Desk(MDM) dated 24.11.2009 effective from 1.12.2009. The utilisation of this grant should be commensurate with the actual quantity of food grains lifted and transported under the Scheme. Requirement of Transportation cost may vary from district to district within State/UT depending upon the topography and distance to be transported. States/UTs may therefore, reallocate this grant amongst the districts as per the requirement and as per State/UT norms.

**[D] Honorarium to Cooks-cum-Helpers**

- (i) State Govt. must also release minimum matching contribution of ₹ 100/- per cook-cum-helper as State's share without any delay so that minimum amount of honorarium of ₹ 1000/- per month per cook-cum-helper is paid through e-transfer in to their bank account. The States may top up their share for releasing more than ₹ 1000/- per month per cook-cum-helper.
- (ii) State Govt. may give priority to weaker section of the society like women, SC/ST, OBC, Minorities in engaging the cook-cum-helpers.
- (iii) The cook-cum-helper should be engaged purely on part time basis. Central Govt. will not bear any past service liability in respect of cook-cum-helper.
- (iv) Separate account will be maintained by the State Government for the Central assistance being released under each category (Primary and Upper Primary) separately to meet the payment of cook-cum-helpers under the Scheme

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**[E] MME:**

- (i) Central assistance will be utilized for Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) i.e. 1.8% of total recurring Central Assistance i.e. (a) Cost of food grains, (b) cooking cost, (c) transport assistance & (d) honorarium to cook-cum-helpers as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry's letter No. 1-15/2009-Desk (MDM), dated 21.6.2010.

**(F) GENERAL**

The grant shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (i) It shall be utilized only for undertaking activities proposed in the Annual Work Plan & Budget for the year 2015-16 and as approved by the Programme Approval Board, and by the Government of India on the basic norms of expenditure.
- (ii) The assets, if any, acquired wholly or substantially out of this grant, should not, without the prior sanction of the Government of India, be disposed off, encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant has been sanctioned.
- (iii) The grantee shall maintain a separate and proper account of the expenditure incurred out of the grant and the accounts so maintained shall be open to audit by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India or any authority deputed by him for the purpose as per rules.
- (iv) The State Government shall contribute and release their minimum mandatory share simultaneously to implementing agencies.
- (v) The grantee shall furnish this Department with item-wise statement of expenditure on a quarterly basis and other reports on physical and financial progress in the prescribed formats. The grantee will also submit annual progress within one month from the close of the financial year. The unspent balance, if any shall be taken into account before funds of subsequent years are released.
- (vi) The grantee shall follow strictly all the instructions issued by the Govt. of India from time to time with regard to the implementation of the Scheme and the funds earmarked for Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Sub Plan. Therefore, the funds are required to be further bifurcated into these minor budget heads i.e. for SCs and STs.

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

8. The utilization certificate of this grant may be submitted to Govt. of India within three months of the next financial year.

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.

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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. 1539/2016 dated 12.04.2016** and funds certified by **IF.2 vide Dy. No. 24/2016-IF.II dated 13.04.2016**.

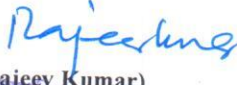
13. The **Sanction ID and E-bill** pertaining to above release has already been generated.

Yours faithfully,

  
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Under Secretary to the Government of India  
13.4.2016  
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Copy to:

- (i) Shri P. C. Dhiman, Secretary, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Education Department, H. P. Secretariate, Armsdale Building, Shimla-171 002.
- (ii) The Director, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Education Department, H. P. Secretariat, Armsdale Building, Shimla-171 002
- (iii) 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.*
- (iv) Director General of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, New Delhi.
- (v) Consultant (MDM) for website uploading
- (vi) Desk (MDM)
- (vii) Guard File.

  
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