

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

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi,  
Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

To

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

**Subject:** Release of **balance of 1<sup>st</sup> instalment** as recurring Central Assistance to **Govt. of Himachal Pradesh** for National Programme of Mid Day Meal in schools for the year 2016-17.

Sir,

I am directed to say that recurring central assistance under Mid Day Meal Scheme is released in two installments in the ratio of 60:40 on the basis of State Government's Annual Work Plan & Budget 2016-17 duly approved by the Programme Approval Board-Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM) headed by Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy. The meetings of PAB-MDM were convened from 5<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 to appraise/approve the State Governments AWP&B-2016-17. In order to enable the States/UTs to implement the scheme uninterruptedly, the first installment is released in two parts i.e. ad-hoc release of recurring Central Assistance @ 25% and balance 35% on receipt of information on the unspent balance from previous year's releases as well as food grain.

2. Accordingly, ad-hoc recurring Central Assistance of **₹ 1842.44 lakh (Rupees Eighteen Crore Forty Two Lakh and Forty Four Thousand Only)** was released vide letter of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. In the meanwhile, the State's AWP&B 2016-17 has also been approved by PAB-MDM, The quantification of Central Assistance (both recurring as well as non-recurring) for 2016-17 has already been approved in the minutes of PAB-MDM which have since been circulated.

3. Now the Govt. of **Himachal Pradesh** has informed vide letter No. EDN-C-F(10)-11/2010-Pt.III-L-II dated 25.05.2016 that it had unspent balance of **₹604.54 lakh** available with them as on 01.04.2016. The balance 35% of recurring Central Assistance from the first installment after adjusting the unspent balance i.e. **₹2557.20 lakhs (Rupees Twenty Five Crore Fifty Seven Lakh and Twenty Thousand Only)** has become due for release as recurring Central Assistance to Govt. of **Himachal Pradesh** under MDM Scheme. The component wise details of release are given on next page:-

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| (₹ in Lakh)                    |  |                |                               |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Sl. No.                        | Component/norm                           | Central Share  | Minimum Mandatory State Share |
| 1                              | 2  | 3              | 4                             |
| <b>Primary + Upper Primary</b> |  |                |                               |
| 1                              | Cost of Food grains                      | 86.03          |                               |
| 2                              | Cooking Cost                             | 1751.63        | 194.62                        |
| 3                              | Honorarium to Cooks-cum-Helpers          | 588.56         | 65.40                         |
| 4                              | Transportation Assistance                | 92.36          |                               |
| 5                              | Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) | 38.62          |                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   |  | <b>2557.20</b> | <b>260.02</b>                 |

4.(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.*

5. The expenditure of ₹ 2557.20 lakhs (Rupees Twenty Five Crore Fifty Seven Lakh and Twenty Thousand Only) will be debited to Demand No. 59- Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 (Major Head) – Grant-in-Aid to State Governments This amount is to be trifurcated into following heads:

(i) ₹ 1702.58 lakh will be debited to Demand No. 51 - Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 – Grants-in-Aid to State Governments (Major Head), 02 – Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 187 – **Elementary Education-National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools (Minor Head)**, 01 – Assistance to States (Sub Head), 01.01 – Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (Detailed Head), 01.01.31 – Grants-in-aid – General for 2016-17 (Plan).

(ii) ₹ 713.46 lakh will be debited to Demand No. 51 - Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 – Grants-in-Aid to State Governments (Major Head), 02 – Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 789 – **Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes (Minor Head)**, 57- Elementary Education – National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools, 57.01 – Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (Detailed Head), 57.01.31 – Grants-in-aid – General for 2016-17 (Plan).

(iii) ₹ 141.16 lakh will be debited to Demand No. 51- Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 (Major Head) – Grant-in-Aid to State Governments, 02 – Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 796 – **Tribal Area Sub Plan (Minor Head)**, 57 – Elementary Education-National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools, 57.01 - Assistance to States Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (Detailed Head), 57.01.31 – Grants-in-aid – General for 2016-17 (Plan).



6. Accordingly, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release of **₹ 1702.58 lakh (Rupees Seventeen Crore Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand only)** to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh as recurring Central assistance under National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools for the year 2016-17.

7. The expenditure of **₹ 1702.58 lakh (Rupees Seventeen Crore Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand only)** will be debited to Demand No. 51 - Department of School Education & Literacy, 3601 - Grants-in-Aid to State Governments (Major Head), 02 - Grants for State Plan Schemes (Sub-Major Head), 187 - **Elementary Education-National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools (Minor Head)**, 01 - Assistance to States (Sub Head), 01.01 - Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (Detailed Head), 01.01.31 - Grants-in-aid - General for 2016-17 (Plan).

8. The State Finance Department must release Central Assistance along with the minimum mandatory matching State share to the Education Department or the nodal department for implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) immediately. The Education Department or the nodal department for MDMS must release the Central Assistance along with State Government's mandatory matching contribution to the schools/implementing agencies within a week.

9. The above grant is subject to the following conditions: -

**[A] Cost of foodgrains:**

- (i) District administration will ensure that every consuming unit maintains a buffer stock of food grains required for a month to avoid disruption due to unforeseen exigencies.
- (ii) Foodgrains under Mid Day Meal Scheme for the 1<sup>st</sup> two quarters during 2016-17 would be supplied at NFSA rates i.e. Rs. 2 per Kg of wheat and Rs. 3 per kg. of rice instead of existing BPL rates as per the guidelines issued by this Department vide letter No. **5-1/2016-Desk(MDM) dated 29.04.2016**. The taxes if any levied by the State/UT would be borne by the Govt. of India.
- (iii) State Government will nominate an officer who will be responsible for receiving the bills submitted by FCI and ensuring payment to it in time. FCI will intimate its account number and mode of receiving of payment to the nodal officer, who should be made responsible for transferring money/depositing cheque in that account. State Govt. will ensure timely payment to FCI by district authority.
- (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 & Himachal Pradesh, 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.
- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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

**[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.

  
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**[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.

10. 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.

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

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Grantee is located in **Himachal Pradesh** circle of account.
15. This issues with the concurrence of **Integrated Finance Division** vide their Dy. No. **2107/2016 dated 26.05.2016** and funds certified by **IF.2** vide Dy. No. **233/2016-IF.II dated 09.06.2016**.
16. The **Sanction ID and E-bill** pertaining to above release has already been generated.

Yours faithfully,



(Arnab Dhaki)

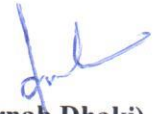
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2. The Director, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Education Department, H. P. Secretariat, Armsdale Building, Shimla-171 002
3. Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. *It is requested that funds released through this sanction letter may be transferred to the Education Department immediately.*
4. Director General of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, New Delhi-110 001.
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