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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**  
**Mid-Day Meal Division**  
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**Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi**  
**Dated the 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2007**

**To,**

**The Principle Secretary/Secretary of the Nodal Department for National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools (NP-MDMS) of all States/UTs.**

**Subject: Extension of National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools (NP-MDMS) to Upper Primary Stage in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) – reg.**

**Sir,**

I am directed to say that the extension of the Mid Day Meal Programme to cover children studying at upper primary stage has been under consideration of the Government for some time. The Central Government is pleased to :

- (i) Extend the Mid Day Meal Scheme to the Upper Primary Stage of Education (classes VI to VIII) in Government (including local body) and Government aided schools, and EGS/AIE Centres, covering children in 3479 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) in 2007-08 as per State-wise list of EBBs attached in Annexure. The programme will be extended to all areas across the country from 2008-09.
- (ii) Fix the calorific value of the mid day meal for upper primary at 700 calories and 20 grams of protein.
- (iii) Provide foodgrains @ 150 grams per child/ school day for the upper primary stage, over and above the allocations for the lower primary stage, by the FCI.
- (iv) Fix the cooking cost of mid day meal for upper primary stage at Rs 2.50 per child/school day with (a) Central Assistance of Rs 2.30 per child/school day in the case of States in North East Region; the NER state contribution being a minimum of Rs 0.20 per child/school day, and (b) Central assistance of Rs 2.00 per child/school day in the case all other States and UTs; their contribution being a minimum of Rs 0.50 per child/school day.

- (v) Provide Central Assistance for cooked Mid-Day Meal during summer vacations to school children in the upper primary stage in areas declared by State Governments as drought-affected, as in the case of the primary stage;
  - (vi) Include Inflation Adjusted Index (Consumer Price Index) while assessing annual financial requirements towards Central Assistance for cooking costs every two years beginning 2008-09 for mid day meal both for primary and upper primary stages.
  - (vii) Provide Central Assistance to construct kitchen-cum-store in upper primary schools @ Rs 60,000 per unit, as in the case of primary stage.
  - (viii) Provide Central Assistance for kitchen devices to upper primary schools @ Rs 5,000 per school as in the case of primary stage.
  - (ix) Modify the existing system of payment of transportation subsidy to States/UTs from reimbursement to Grant-in-aid as in the case of other components of Central assistance under the Scheme.
  - (x) Enhance Transport Subsidy for eleven Special Category States (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir & Uttarakhand) from Rs. 100/- per quintal to Rs. 125/- per quintal.
  - (xi) Incorporate Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities as a component of Management, Monitoring and Evaluation costs.
  - (xii) Change of the name of Scheme from 'National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education' to 'National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools.'
2. The extension to the Upper Primary Stage in EBBs will become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2007.

Yours faithfully,

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