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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
MDM Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To,

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

Subject: Revision of food norm, cooking cost & honourarium to cook cum helper under National Programme for Mid Day Meal in Schools – regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to say that the competent authority in the Government of India has taken the following decisions:

- i) Revision of the food norm for Upper Primary children by increasing the quantity of pulses from 25 to 30 grams, vegetables from 65 to 75 grams and by decreasing the quantity of oil and fat from 10 grams to 7.5 grams. The food norm after this revision would be as under:

S.No.	Items	Quantity Per Day	
		Primary	Upper Primary
1.	Food grains	100 gms	150 gms
2.	Pulse	20 gms	30 gms
3.	Vegetables (leafy also)	50 gms	75 gms
4.	Oil & fat	5 gms	7.5 gms
5.	Salt & Condiments	As per need	As per need

- ii) Enhancement of the cooking cost (excluding the labour and administrative charges) for primary to Rs. 2.50 and for upper primary to Rs. 3.75. Now, the cooking cost would include the cost of pulses, vegetables, oil & fats, salt & condiments and fuel.
- iii) The cooking cost will be shared between the Centre and the NER States on 90:10 basis and with other States / UTs on 75:25 basis. Accordingly, the share of the Centre and the minimum share of the States / UTs will be as under:

Stage	Total Cost per meal	Centre-State sharing			
		Non-NER States (75:25)		NER States (90:10)	
		Centre	State	Centre	State
Pry.	Rs. 2.50	Rs. 1.88	Rs. 0.62	Rs. 2.25	Rs. 0.25
U. Pry.	Rs. 3.75	Rs. 2.81	Rs. 0.94	Rs. 3.38	Rs. 0.37

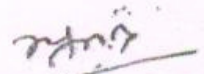
- iv) Presently many States/ UTs are contributing more than the above prescribed minimum share. They may continue to do so to ensure the existing quality.
- v) This cooking cost will be further revised by 7.5% on 1.4.2010 and again on 1.4.2011.
- vi) A separate provision for payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helper @ Rs. 1000 per month has been made. One cook-cum-helper may be engaged in a school having upto 25 students, two cooks-cum-helpers for schools having 26 to 100 students, and one additional cook-cum-helper for every addition of upto 100 students.
- vii) The expenditure towards the honorarium of cooks-cum-helpers shall be shared between the Centre and the NER States on 90:10 basis and with other States / UTs on 75:25 basis.

2. You are requested to immediately issue suitable instructions to the field functionaries up to the school / cooking agency level to ensure **implementation of the revised norms from 1.12.2009.**

3. Besides issuing necessary instructions, publicity through the vernacular press and other local media will be effective in generating awareness amongst masses about the entitlement of children under the Mid Day Meal Scheme. Advertisement in the media should include, inter alia, the quantity of food, the total cooking cost (i.e. the above Central share mentioned in para 1(iii) plus the actual State share), the honorarium of the cooks and MDM availability on all school days. The expenditure on publicity will be borne from the MME fund.

4. You are requested to calculate your additional requirement for cooking cost and honorarium and send it to us at the earliest along with the commitment that you will make necessary budget provision for releasing the Central as well as State share to the field functionaries in time.

Yours faithfully,



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