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

ShastriBhavan, 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: Providing Mid-Day-Meal to children of National Child Labour Project
(NCLP) schools as per norms fixed for Upper Primary Children –
regarding.**

Sir/ Madam,

This Ministry had received a number of requests from M/o Labour and Employment and some States to provide mid-day meal to the National Child Labour Project Schools (NCLP) at norms applicable to Upper Primary children, as the age of the children studying in NCLP schools is more than the age of normal Primary Children and as such the food grains entitlement for these children as per children studying in primary schools is not adequate.

The matter was examined in this Department in consultation with National Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (NSMC) and Programme Approval Board on Mid Day Meal Scheme (PAB-MDM) under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (SE&L) wherein it was decided to provide Mid Day Meal to the children of NCLP schools as per norms applicable to the Upper Primary Children. The competent authority has now concurred with the proposal for providing Mid-Day Meal to NCLP Children as per Upper Primary Norms.

Accordingly, all State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to provide Mid Day Meal to the children of NCLP schools as per norms applicable to the Upper Primary Children with immediate effect. The proposals for component-wise additional Central

Assistance, on account of the revision of food norms for NCLP children at Upper Primary Level may be submitted to this Department, if required.

State Governments/UT Administrations are also requested to issue necessary instructions to the implementing agencies for serving mid-day meal to NCLP children as per the revised food norms and also give publicity through the press and other local media for generating awareness amongst the NCLP children and their parents, community etc. about the entitlement of these children. Advertisement in the media should include, inter alia, the quantity of food, the total cooking cost etc. The expenditure on publicity may be borne out of the MME component of the MDM scheme.

Yours faithfully,



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