OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA

Raj Bhavan, Mumbai 400 035, dated the 5th November 2016.

PREAMBLE

CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

No. RB/TC/e-11019(33)(2015)/Egg/1475/2016.—The following notification issued by the Governor of Maharashtra is published for the general information:—

Whereas, under sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 5 of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Governor may, by public notification, direct that any particular Act of Parliament or of Legislature of the State shall not apply to the Scheduled Area or any part thereof in the State or shall apply to the Scheduled Area or any part thereof in the State subject to the exceptions and modifications specified in the notification;

And Whereas, in Scheduled Areas of Maharashtra there is a need to provide sufficient supplementary food to ensure that the incidents of malnutrition are eliminated and children in Scheduled Areas are not subjected to stunting, ill-health and child mortality;

And Whereas, pregnant and lactating women need to be given adequate nutrition to address the root cause of child malnutrition;

And Whereas, egg contains a number of nutrients and has been recognized as a complete food with substantial health benefits;

And Whereas, Section 32 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 permits the state Government from continuing or formulating other food based welfare schemes with benefits higher than the benefits provided under the Act, from its own resources;

(1)
And Whereas, by Government Resolutions dated 18th November 2015 and 5th August 2016, the Maharashtra Government has provided for “one full meal” per day to pregnant and lactating women, and one egg 4 times a week to children aged seven months to six years, respectively, in tribal sub-plan areas;

And Whereas, the Governor of Maharashtra, to ensure continuity in the implementation of the above schemes, desires to incorporate the same in the National Food Security Act, 2013 in its application to the Scheduled Areas of Maharashtra;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-paragraph (1) of Paragraph 5 of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Governor of Maharashtra hereby makes the following Notification:

NOTIFICATION

CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-paragraph (1) of Paragraph 5 of the Fifth Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Governor of Maharashtra hereby directs that the National Food Security Act, 2013 shall apply in Scheduled Areas with the following modifications:

Modifications to the National Food Security Act, 2013

(i) In section 4 in clause (a),—

(a) the word “meal” shall be replaced by “ Hot cooked meal, including, eggs”;

(b) the word “ and ” appearing at the end of clause (a) shall be deleted.

(c) the following proviso shall be added:

“Provided that the State Government shall make adequate financial provisions to meet the additional expenditure to be incurred in Scheduled Areas while providing hot cooked meal to lactating and pregnant women; and ”;

(ii) In section 5, in sub-section (1), after, the proviso, the following Provisos shall be added:

“Provided further that in addition to the provisions of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 5, eggs shall be provided to children aged above 7 months and up to 6 years, as an additional item in Anganwadis in the Scheduled Areas of Maharashtra, at least 4 times in a week:

Provided also that, children in Scheduled Areas who may not prefer eggs shall be provided suitable alternatives at least 4 times a week in lieu of eggs:

Provided also that, the State Government shall make adequate financial provisions to meet the additional expenditure to be incurred in Scheduled Areas while providing eggs to children.”;
(iii) In Schedule II to the Act, in entry at serial number 6, in column (3) the words “Take Home Ration” shall be replaced by the words “Hot Cooked Meal”.

CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO,
Governor of Maharashtra.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

B.VENUGOPAL REDDY,
Secretary to Governor.