F.No. 1-1/2009-Desk (MDM) Government of India Ministry of Human Resource Development Department of School Education & Literacy MDM Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 24th November, 2009

To,

Principal Secretary / Secretary of Nodal Department for National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools (NP-MDMS),

Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Tripura

Subject: Revision of transportation assistance to 11 Special Category States 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 decided that the admissibility of transportation assistance for 11 Special Category States (viz. the above States) shall be revised to the rate prevalent under the Public Distribution System (PDS) in these States in place of the existing assistance at a flat rate of Rs. 125 per Quintal. <u>The new rates will</u> <u>be effective from 1.12.2009.</u>

2. You are requested to issue suitable instructions immediately to the field functionaries to ensure that the food grains are lifted and transported to the schools / cooking agencies in time for uninterrupted supply of Mid Day Meal to school children.

3. You are also requested to get the requirement of transportation assistance calculated for the balance period of this financial year on the basis of existing PDS rates and distance of schools from the FCI godowns at the earliest. In case

the requirement of transportation assistance works out to be more than the allocation, you may send your proposal to the Government of India latest by 31.12.2009 along with full details supported by evidence and the commitment that Central assistance would be released to the field functionaries immediately after receiving it from the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

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