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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 28th December, 2017

No. PMA.379/2017/10.- (1) Whereas, the basic objectives of the Mid-Day Meal Programme are as under :-

- (i) To improve the nutritional status of children enrolled in classes-I to VIII in Govt., Local body, Govt. Aided Schools, EGS and AIE Centres including Madrassas / Maqtabas run under SSA, NCLP centres.
 - (ii) To motivate children belonging to disadvantaged sections to attend primary schools regularly and help them to concentrate on school and classroom activities.
 - (iii) To provide nutritional support to children of primary stage in drought affected areas during summer vacation, thereby ensuring their continued interest in schooling.
- (2) Whereas, the Govt. of India releases fund under MDM to State Govt. in three phases i.e. Adhoc grant (mostly in the month of May/June). Balance of 1st installment (mostly in the month of July/August and subject to submission of expenditure statement of the previous financial year) and 2nd installment (subject to release of matching State Share of adhoc grant and balance of 1st installment).
- (3) Whereas, the State Govt. requires another 2/3 months for releasing of Central Govt. Share to the implementing agency i.e. MD, SSA, Assam.
- (4) Whereas, during the 1st quarter (i.e. April, May, June) in every financial year, the schools concerned do not get fund for cooking cost and monthly honorarium of Cook cum Helpers and as a result the implementation of MDM gets interrupted in

many schools. In fact, during the above period, schools have to manage fund for the cooking cost for the 1st quarter at their own level for continuing the MDM in schools.

- (5) Whereas, the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam had announced in his budget speech, 2017-18 to introduce the scheme called "Green Channel Scheme" for making available funds without any interruption throughout the year to ensure uninterrupted implementation of the MDM Scheme.
- (6) Whereas, the Finance (EC-III) Deptt. conveyed their approval towards implementation of "Green Channel Scheme" vide their U/O No. 614/2017 dated 24/07/2017.

In view of the above and with a view to ensure uninterrupted functioning of the Scheme, the Governor of Assam is pleased to introduce "Green Channel Scheme" in the State from the current financial year 2017-18 by adopting the following methodology / procedure :-

Methodology / Procedure :

1. Finance Deptt. will issue Budget Release Order (BRO) from balance budget provision for the above schemes / programmes for the particular financial year, without any formal request from the concerned Deptt. and without waiting for Central Govt. assistance.
2. Elementary Education Deptt. will issue required approval based on the BRO issued by Finance Department.
3. The Head of the Deptt. will give distribution statement for the entire year based on periodicity of release indicated for each programme / scheme.
4. The Director of Treasuries will give single authorization for scheme / programme as per Budget Release Order issued by Finance Deptt. and the distribution statement of the Head of the Deptt. while clearly indicating the maximum amount that can be drawn per periodic interval (month / quarter etc.) by each Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO).
5. Implementing agencies shall prefer bills as per periodicity indicated subject to a maximum of the amounts authorized per period.
6. It will be the responsibility of Elementary Education Deptt. to ensure that programmes / Schemes are implemented smoothly without any hindrance of the Govt. Notification / Order.

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