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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION (SECRETARIAT WING)

(G.O. Ms. No. 41, Puducherry, dated 16th November 2023)

NOTIFICATION

The Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to notify the Guidelines for the Scheme for provision of Millet cookies and Millet chikkies twice a week in the evenings to the students of Government/ Government Aided Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry, as detailed in the Annexure appended to this order.

2. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department *vide* their I.D. No. 1048/FC/FD/F4/A4/2023-24, dated 10-11-2023.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

F.P. VERBINA JAYARAJ, Under Secretary to Government (School Education).

"GUIDELINES FOR PROVISION OF MILLET COOKIES AND MILLET CHIKKIES TWICE A WEEK IN THE EVENINGS TO THE STUDENTS OF GOVERNMENT/GOVERNMENT AIDED SCHOOLS IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY"

- 1. Short title and commencement.— 1.1. The Scheme may be called as "Provision of Millet Snacks Scheme" organized by the Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
- 1.2. It shall extend to all the Government/Government Aided Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.
 - 1.3. It shall come into force from the academic year 2023-24.
- **2. Objective.** 2.1. To provide nutritional and healthy millet snacks to the students.
- 2.2. To improve the enrolment of students and also to eradicate dropouts in the Schools.
- **3. Definition.** 3.1. "School" means, the Government/ Government Aided Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.
- 3.2. "Students" means, a student studying from Pre-KG to 12th Standard in Government Schools and 1st to 10th Standard in Government Aided Schools in the Union territory of Puducherry.
- **4.** Provision of Millet Cookies and Millet Chikkies.— 4.1. The millet cookies or millet chikkies @ 20 grams per student shall be provided during evening session twice a week.
- 4.2. The details of students to be covered under the Scheme for provision of millet snacks duly certified by the Head of Institutions/ Head of Offices shall be submitted to the Deputy Director (Adult Education), Puducherry, in the beginning of the academic year, after completion of admission process.

- **5. Nodal Officer and Monitoring Team.** 5.1. The Deputy Director (Adult Education), Puducherry, the Chief Educational Officer, Karaikal/Mahe and Delegate to Director of School Education, Yanam are the Nodal Officers for the implementation of Millet Snacks Scheme in their respective regions.
- 5.2. The Heads of Institutions shall assign the duty to the teaching staff to supervise the distribution of millet snacks on rotation basis and also to taste the millet snacks before distribution, so as to ascertain the quality of the millet snacks.
- 5.3. The supervising staff shall ensure that the students consume the millet snacks in the School premises only and shall not allow the students to waste the millet snacks.
- 5.4. The School premises shall be cleaned thoroughly and kept neat after distribution of millet snacks, so as to avoid infestation of flies and other health hazards.
- 5.5. The Head of Institutions shall maintain a register and make necessary entries of date of provision of millet snacks, supervising staff, *etc*. Any shortage and excess of millet snacks shall be entered in the register.
- 5.6. The respective Nodal Officers shall obtain the particulars of providing millet snacks to the students along with stock position from each School in their respective regions and prepare the monthly statement and submit the same to the Deputy Director (Adult Education), Puducherry, before the 2nd week of successive month.
- **6.** Method of selection of Supplier.— 6.1. The millet snacks *i.e.* Millet cookies or Millet chikkies shall be procured through GeM portal or floating e-tender after observing the GFR provisions and other instructions issued by the Government of Puducherry from time to time.
- 6.2. The Selection Committee for finalization of supplier shall be appointed by the Director of School Education, Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.
- **7. Quantum of Expenditure.** 7.1. The expenditure for the purchase of millet snacks will be arrived after finalization of the supplier through GeM portal or e-tender on lowest quotation basis.
- 7.2. The quantum of expenditure shall be approved by the Secretary to Government (Education) every year.

- **8.** Mode of Payment.— 8.1. The payment shall be made to the supplier through the Drawing and Disbursing Officers of respective region, on production of invoice.
- **9.** Interpretation and Clarification.— 9.1. In the implementation of the Scheme under these Guidelines, if, any doubt arises in regard to interpretation of any of the provision of the Scheme or any point requires clarification, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary to Government (Education) and the decision of the Secretary to Government (Education) thereon shall be the final.