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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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S.R.O. No.481/2016— In exercised of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 40 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (20 of 2013) the State Government do hereby make the following rules, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement:

- (a) These rules may be called the Odisha Mid-Day Meal Rules, 2016.
- (b) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

PART- I

PRELIMINARY

2. Definitions:

(i) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) “Act” means the National Food Security Act, 2013 (20 of 2013);
- (b) “Central Government” means the Government of India;
- (c) “Food Grains” means rice, wheat, coarse grains or any combination thereof conforming to such quality norms as may be determined, by order, by the Central Government from time to time;
- (d) “Food Security Allowance” means the amount of money to be paid by the concerned State Government to the entitled children under section 8 of the Act;
- (e) “Food Safety Commission” means an officer appointed by the State Government who is in-charge of Food Safety functioning under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Odisha;
- (f) “District Grievance Redressal Officer (DGRO)” means an officer appointed in each district by the State Government as per the section 15;

- (g) "Meal" means hot cooked or pre-cooked and heated before its service meal or take home ration, as may be prescribed by the Central Government;
- (h) "School" includes any school run by Local Bodies, Government or aided by the State Government;
- (i) "School Management Committee" means a statutory body of the schools both at primary and upper primary level constituted under rule 3 of the Odisha Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2010 and other executive instructions issued from time to time;
- (j) "School Management & Development Committee" means a school management committee constituted at secondary school level as per the guideline of Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);
- (k) "Section" means the section of the Act;
- (l) "State Government" means the Government of Odisha; and
- (m) "State Food Commission" means the Commission constituted at State Level under section 16 of the Act and Odisha State Food Security Rules;
- (n) All words and expressions used herein but not defined in these rules but defined in the Act, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

PART- II

QUALITY NUTRITIONAL MEAL

3. Entitlement for Nutritional Meal:

Every child studying in classes I to VIII who attend the school shall be provided one mid-day-meal having nutritional standards as specified in Schedule II of the Act, free of charge every day except on school holidays.

4. Place of Serving Meal:

The meal shall be served to children at school only.

5. Preparation of meals and maintenance of standards and quality:

- (1) The meal shall be prepared in accordance with the Mid Day Meal guidelines issued by the Central Government and State Government from time to time and in accordance with the provisions of Schedule II of the Act.
- (2) Every school shall have the facility for cooking meal in hygienic manner. Schools in urban area may use the facility of centralized kitchens for cooking meals wherever required or feasible in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government and the State Government and the meal shall be served to children at respective schools only.