

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT:

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New Programme of feeding the poor children 5+ to 9+ in Tamil Nadu in Schools - Sanctioned.

PUBLIC (T.P.E.P.) DEPARTMENT

G.O. 857

(Mid-day Meal G.O.No.1)

Dated: 28-5-1982

Read :

From the Director of School Education, Madras
letter No.98085 SM6/82, dated 11-5-1982.

ORDER:

The Government, while presenting the Budget for the year 1982-83, have announced that a scheme would be launched to supply free nutritious noon-meal to the poor children of Tamilnadu from 1st July, 1982. This scheme will cover the children in the age-group 2 to 10.

2. According to the new scheme, it is estimated that the total number of children that will have to be fed under the age-group 5+ to 9+ will be about 38.15 lakhs. Government have decided that the children of age-group 5+ to 9+ covered by this scheme will be fed in Schools. The Director of School Education and other heads of departments concerned will issue detailed instructions on the operations of the scheme immediately on receipt of guidelines from Government. As regards the children in the age group 2+ to 4+ orders are being issued separately.

The existing feeding programme for the School Children under the age-group 10-14, who will not be covered by the new programme, will continue to operate in Elementary Schools under the School Education Department in the old pattern and such children will be fed for 200 days in a year as usual, while the new feeding programme which will cover children of 5+ to 9+ in schools will operate throughout the year.

3. From 1st July, 1982, a nutritious noon-meal, free of cost, should be supplied to all the poor children (in the age group 5+ to 9+) studying in the Schools on all the days in the year. About 25,000 Schools in non central kitchen areas, about 8000 schools in central kitchen areas and about 3000 schools under Adi-draavidar and Backward Class departments will be implementing the scheme. The ingredients of the nutritious meal should contain the following:-

(1) Rice	..	100 Gms.
(2) Oil	..	7 "
(3) Dhall	..	15 "
(4) Condiments and Vegetables	..	50 "

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The cost of a meal exclusive of other incidental charges will be 45 paise. In the Non-central Kitchen areas, sanction is accorded for incurring the following administrative expenditure by each of the schools (centres):-

- (1) (a) One Part-Time Cook at the rate of Rs.2/- per day of attendance for all the days of the month.
(b) If the number fed is more than 500, one additional cook may be employed at the same rate of Rs.2/- per day wherever necessary. It is estimated that there may be 2500 centres needing this facility.
- (2) One Helper to assist the Cook and to clean the vessels at the rate of Re.1/- per day for all the days of the month.
- (3) Contingent expenditure at the rate of Rs.20/- p.m. per Schools if the number of children is 500 or less and Rs.30/- per month per school if the number of children exceeds 500..

These employees will be appointed from among the local residents.

4. The accounts of the Midday Meals Centres under the School Education Department including Panchayat Union Schools will be audited by the Deputy Inspectors of Schools which will be monitored by the Audit Wing of the School Education Department. The District Educational Officer will be the authorities for releasing the grants and monitoring the Scheme at Education District level and the Chief Educational Officers will be the monitoring authorities at Revenue District levels. Similar arrangements will be made by the Adi Dravid Welfare and Backward Class Welfare Departments.

5. In Central Kitchen areas, the Superintendents can spend upto 45 paise per meal (food charges alone) to make the meal nutritious as mentioned in para 3 above. The administrative charge of 5 paise per meal will be held by the Directorate of School Education who will apportion the amount in accordance with the norms already laid down, to the concerned District Educational Officers according to the need of each locality.

6. The capacity of the Central Kitchens will be increased to the extent possible. If in the present Central Kitchens, additional number of children to be fed cannot be covered, individual centres may be opened in Schools wherever necessary by the Director of School Education and grant released in the Non-Central Kitchen pattern by the District Educational Officers.

7. For implementing the new scheme, the following additional staff is sanctioned for Central Kitchen areas under the Department of School Education.

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FOR CENTRAL KITCHENS:

- (1) Cooks Rs. 250-5-330-10-400 97 (One each for 97 Central Kitchens).
- (2) One additional Helper per kitchen for the 97 Central Kitchens to be paid from the Contingencies according to the prevailing market rate to help the Cook to clean the cooking vessels daily.

8. For strengthening the administrative set up for implementing the New Meals Scheme, sanction is also accorded for the creation of the following additional staff in the offices noted below:-

I. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

<u>Post</u>	<u>Scale of pay</u>	<u>No. of posts</u>
1. Senior Accounts Officer	750-50-1350	One
2. Headquarters Educational Officer (Midday Meals) (D.E.O's rank)	750-50-1350	One
3. Basic Servants	250-5-530-10-400	Three (Two for Senior Accounts Officer & One for Headquarters Education Officer)
4. Superintendents	525-25-675-30-855-35-925	Three
5. Assistants	400-15-490-20-650-25-700	Six
6. Junior Assistants	350-10-420-15-600	Three
7. Steno-Typists	-do- plus Special pay	One
8. Typists	-do-	Two
9. Basic Servants	250-5-330-10-400	Two

II. DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

Field Officers for Schools Meals Programme	750-50-1350	Five (Pudukottai, Erode, Nilgiris, Chingleput & Dharmapuri Dist)
Accountants	400-15-490-20-650-25-700	Fifty-one (at the rate of one post to each of the District Educational Offices)

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9. Sanction is also accorded for the purchase of the Tamil Typewriters in the Office of the Director of School Education. The Director of Stationery & Printing is requested to take immediate steps for supply of typewriters for the above office. The Typewriters should be placed under the control of qualified Typists and should be returned to the Director of Stationery and Printing when no longer required.

10. Sanction is also accorded for incurring a non-recurring expenditure of Rs.3.81 crores at the rate of Rs.10/- per child towards the purchase of plates, tumblers, cooking oven, vessels and putting up of temporary shed or enclosure etc. for feeding 38.15 lakhs children. This expenditure should be incurred after following the usual procedures. To the extent that these articles are received as donation from members of the public, the expenditure should be restricted.

11. The Financial Controller of the Directorate of School Education with the aid of the Senior Accounts Officer working in the Directorate of School Education for this purpose will control the expenditure sanctioned to the new scheme. The Director of School Education will be the Chief Monitor of the Scheme in so far as feeding in Schools under the School Education Department is concerned.

12. Regarding the utilisation of CARE Commodities, the Government will issue further instructions in consultation with CARE.

/run/ 13. This new pattern of Free Meal Scheme to be implemented in the School Education Department will equally be applicable to the Midday Meals Scheme by the Departments of Adiravider and Tribal Welfare, Backward Classes and to Municipal Corporations, wherever they are in operation and each Departmental head will be the controlling authority and monitor for their Departments as the Special Officers will be for the Municipal Corporations Orders regarding sanction of staff etc. for these Departments and local bodies will be issued separately.

14. The expenditure sanctioned above may be debited to the Head of account, 277.A. Primary Education - AE. Other expenditure - Schemes in the Sixth Five Year Plan - II. Stat Plan - JQ. New Programme of Feeding of Poor Children 5 plus to 9 plus in Tamil Nadu Schools.

15. The expenditure is on a new service and the approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure will be met by an advance from the contingency fund, orders on which will be issued by the Finance (BG) Department. The Director of School Education and other concerned Heads of Departments should apply to Government in the Finance Department in the prescribed proforma early for the sanction of an advance from the Contingency Fund so far it relates to their Departments.

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15. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department - Vide U.O.No. 653A/JS(P)/82 dated 26.5.1982.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

K. DIRAVIAM,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Commissioner & Secretary to Government,
Education Department, Madras-600 009 (By name cover)

The Commissioner & Secretary to Government,
Finance Department, Madras-600 009 (By name cover)

The Commissioner & Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Local Administration Department,
Madras-600009 (By name cover)

The Commissioner & Secretary to Government,
Social Welfare Department, Madras-600 009 (By name cover)

The Director of Social Welfare, Madras-600

The Director of School Education, Madras-600,006

All Departments of the Secretariat.

All Collectors.

All District Development Officers.

All District Block Development Officers

All District Social Welfare Officers

The Accountant-General, Madras-600 018

The Treasury Officers.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Madras. (North)

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South) Madras.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (East) Madras.

The Finance (BG) Department.

The Director of Information and Public Relations Department,
Madras-600 009.

The Director of Backward Classes, Madras-600 005.

The Director of Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare, Madras-600 005.

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28/5/82

(RAKESH KACKER)
UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT