

Agartala, 3rd October, 2024

**Rejoinder of published news in Dainik Sambad on  
03/10/2024 titled ‘মিড-ডে-মিলে আটকে আছে পাচকের বেতন’**

The news article published in today’s edition of “**Dainik Sambad**” under the above mentioned title has come to the attention of the School Education Department. Upon careful review, we wish to provide clarification on the issues mentioned in the article:

1. The news item alleges that the honorarium of cook –cum helpers have been pending since August which is not a fact. The honorarium of Cook-cum-Helpers for the month of August and September, 2024 has already been sanctioned from this Department.
2. The material cost under PM POSHAN Scheme has been provided up to July, 2024 and like every year, the material cost for the month of August & September will be provided soon and the matter is under process.

The **Department** of School Education remains committed in implementing PM POSHAN (School Mid-Day-Meal) Scheme and we are confident that our continued efforts will lead to successful implementation of this flagship programme of Government of India.

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