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**Rejoinder of published news in Dainik Sambad on  
27/09/2024 titled '৩ মাস ধরে কেন্দ্রের টাকা আসছেন- রাজ্যের স্কুলগুলিতে  
মিড-ডে-মিলের খাবারে পুষ্টিগুণ নিয়ে উঠলো প্রশ্ন'**

The news article published in the edition of "Dainik Sambad" on 27.09.2024 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 per child per day material cost under PM POSHAN Scheme for primary section is Rs.5.45/- and for upper primary section is Rs.8.17/-. This material cost has been utilized by the schools for providing nutritious hot cooked meals to the children from class I to VIII.
2. The quality of the hot cooked meals are being checked regularly by one Cook-cum-Helper, one teacher and one guardian in each & every schools thereafter food is being served to the students. Moreover to ensure the quality of meals periodical checking is done by the Food Safety Officers (FSO).
3. 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, 2024 will be provided soon, the file 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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