

**Government of Odisha**  
**School and Mass Education Department**  
**State Project Management Unit, Mid-Day Meal**

No. 269 /SPMU., Date. 30-04-2020  
**S&ME (MDM)-903/2018**

From

Smt. Chithra Arumugam, IAS  
Principal Secretary

To

**All District Collectors**

**Sub: Distribution of Iron Folic Acid tablets to the students under National Iron Plus Initiative (NIPI) programme due to closure of schools on account of COVID 19 pandemic\_ Rgd.**

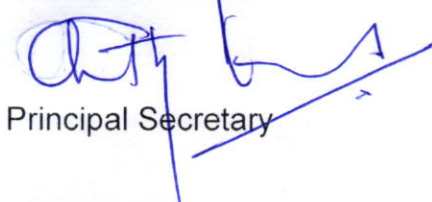
Madam/Sir,

You must be aware that the National Iron Plus Initiative (NIPI) program is being implemented by the state government to address the issue of nutritional anemia among school going children. Due to sudden closure of schools on account of COVID 19 pandemic, the students have been deprived of getting supplementary weekly Iron Folic Acid (IFA) tablets from the month of March 2020. In this prevailing situation, it is important to address the hidden hunger among the students through this weekly Iron Folic Acid tablets supplementation which reduces the prevalence of iron deficiency anemia among them.

Taking into account that the school teachers will be supplying textbooks to the students at doorsteps, they may also be instructed to supply IFA tablets for the month of May and June (seven tablets) for each student as per the applicability (Pink or Blue) to their parents along with distribution of textbooks. IFA (Pink) tablet is for the students of class I to V and IFA (Blue) tablet is for the students of class VI to X. The tablets must be handed over to the parents after verifying the expiry dates of the tablets and under no circumstance expired tablets should be given to them. Parents/Guardians of the students should be explained on the modality of administration of IFA tablet before handing it over to them. Each student must consume **one IFA tablet on every Monday after dinner in presence of their parent/guardian along with a glass of drinking water.**

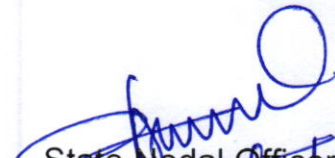
You are, therefore, requested to ensure distribution of IFA tablets to the parents/guardians of the students along with distribution of school textbooks.

Yours faithfully,

  
Principal Secretary

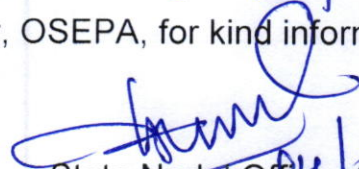
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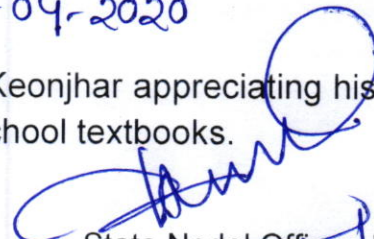
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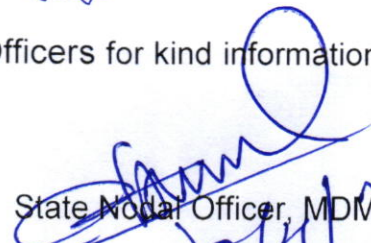
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Copy forwarded to the District Collector, Keonjhar appreciating his initiative for doorstep delivery of IFA tablets along with school textbooks.

  
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State Nodal Officer, MDM  
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