Namchi, 29th April (IPR): Since the educational institute in Sikkim is closed due to the nation wide lockdown in order to combat COVID-19. With this regard the Education Department has commenced on providing foodgrains (rice) to meet the nutritional requirements for students of standard one to eight under the Mid Day Meal (MDM) Scheme so that their immunity can be safeguarded by consuming the foodgrain. Whereas the Schools has been shut temporarily, hence giving cooked meal daily to children was not possible so the Education Department has permitted to hand out foodgrains to the students and concerned parents.

The officials from South Education Department along with heads, In-charge of the school and other stakeholders have been given the responsibility to oversee the smooth distribution process in their respective schools. This process is being undertaken with proper precautionary measures of COVID-19 specially the norm of social distancing.

It maybe mentioned here that the foodgrains were already stocked in schools before the nation wide lockdown began and the same grain have been given out to students according to the enrollment of the school so that it can be disbursed equally amongst the pupils.

Till yesterday, a total of 86 schools have provided foodgrains and quantity of foodgrains distributed were 3 - 3.03 Kg (Primary) and 4.035 - 4.090 Kg (Upper primary)