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Date: 15.07.2025

To,

The Secretary/Member Secretary/Commissioner/Director/Nodal Officer
All EMRS State Societies

Subject: Utilization of Maximum Mess Fund for Nutritional Support to Students – As per Revised Recurring Guidelines dated 01.05.2025

Sir/Madam,

As per the revised recurring cost guidelines issued by NESTS dated **01.05.2025**, the mess expenditure has been revised to **₹25,279 per student per year**, i.e., **₹2,528 per student per month** for 10 operational months in a year. This enhancement aims to ensure that students residing in EMRSs receive adequate, nutritious, and balanced meals to support their physical growth and academic performance.

However, it has come to notice during recent reviews that certain State EMRS Societies specially Karnataka EMRS Society are not utilizing the full extent of the permissible mess expenditure. Instead, they continue to adhere to the respective State Government's mess rate charts, which are often below the maximum limit prescribed by NESTS. As a result, the intended benefits may not be fully reaching the students.

In this context, you are hereby advised to utilize the full allowable mess expenditure as per NESTS guidelines to ensure students receive quality, nutritious meals.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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[Gaurav Pawar]

Deputy Commissioner (Finance)

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