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NOTIFICATION

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F.No. 4-4/2017-NFSM (E).—Whereas, millets hold great potential in contributing substantially to food and nutritional security of the country and thus they are not only a powerhouse of nutrients, but also are climate resilient crops and possess unique nutritional characteristics;

And whereas, recent research findings also show that millets contain anti-diabetic properties and millet based food have low GI and reduces the postprandial blood glucose level and glycosylated haemoglobin;

And whereas, a Committee constituted by the Central Government for examination of inclusion of millets in the Public Distribution System (PDS) for improving nutritional support has recommended for inclusion of millets in PDS across the country and the same has been accepted by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, the Central Government hereby declare millets comprising Sorghum (Jowar), Pearl Millet (Bajra), Finger Millet (Ragi/Mandua), Minor Millets i.e. Foxtail Millet (Kangani/Kakun), Proso Millet (Cheena), Kodo Millet (Kodo), Barnyard Millet (Sawa/Sanwa/ Jhangora), Little Millet (Kutki) and two Pseudo Millets (Black-wheat (Kuttu) and Amaranthus (Chaulai) which have high nutritive value as "Nutri-Cereals" for production, consumption and trade point of view.

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