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Circular  
(Through MIS)

**Sub: - IMPLEMENTATION OF MID DAY MEAL SCHEME/GUIDELINES.**

The Ministry of HRD has conveyed to this office vide DO No. 2-9/2010-EE 5(MDM-1-2) dated 03/11/2011 that several cases of serving of unhygienic food to children under Mid Day Meal Scheme have come to their notice through various sources especially newspapers reports. The Ministry of HRD observed that to avoid such irregularities sufficient deterrent steps are not taken to improve the matters.

The Ministry of HRD observed that success of Mid Day Meal programme depends on the manner, in which it is implemented at the school level. Safety and hygiene standards must be set and practiced with rigor. Processes should also be put in place to ensure vibrant community involvement so that the Mid Day Meal Programme becomes a peoples Programme, which addresses classroom hunger and also contributes to the overall improvement in teaching learning transaction.

Further, the Ministry of HRD directed that following major provisions of Mid Day Meal Guidelines are being reiterated for strict compliance:

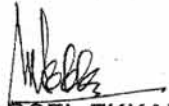
1. Cooking and serving utensils should be properly cleaned and dried every day after use.
2. All cooks, helpers and other functionaries should also be trained in hygienic habits, for example, regular cutting of nails, washing hands and feet with soap before commencement of cooking/serving, etc.
3. Ingredients used for cooking, food grains, pulses, vegetables, cooking oil and condiments, should be free from adulteration and pest infestation, and should be used only after proper cleaning and washing.
4. Ingredients like salt should be stored in proper containers and protected from moisture, pests, etc.
5. Support of community members including Mothers, Group should also be solicited to ensure that children wash their hands with soap before eating, use clean plates and glasses, avoid littering and wastage of food, clean their plates and rinse their hands and mouth after eating.
6. The NGOs must supply Mid Day Meal as per menu prescribed by this Department and quality of meal should be checked regularly.
7. The NGOs must use smokeless chullahs to create a healthy environment.

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8. Only good quality food grains should be lifted from FCI Godowns after joint inspection and food grain should be stored in good quality storage of NGOs.
9. DDEs are hereby directed to inspect 25% of the schools in every quarter.
10. The School Management should encourage parents to be part in School Level Mid Day Meal Committee.
11. To prepare a good quality meal be ensured.
12. The importance of Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) be emphasized for Developing GRM and complaints should be redressed in a timely manner for getting real picture from the field.

In view of the above, all stake holders are directed to comply the MDM guidelines strictly and follow instructions of the MDM scheme issued from time to time from this office.

  
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To :


**All DDEs/EOs/HOSs and All NGOs/Service Providers**

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