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➢ **Steps taken to strengthen the monitoring mechanism in the Block, District and State level and status of constitution of SMCs at these levels. Status of formation on standing committee at village /school /cooking agency level:**

Instructions regarding conducting of meetings have been issued at Block, District and State level. Meetings are held monthly at these levels where other issues including Mid day Meal are also discussed. In the year 2008-09, a meeting of State level Steering cum Monitoring
Committee on MDM was convened by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, on 20th October, 2008. Status of formation on standing committee at village /school /cooking agency level is attached at "TABLE –AT-19" .

➢ **Strategy for establishment of Monitoring Cell at various levels viz. Block, District and Sate level for effective monitoring of the Scheme.**

The department has provided computer in all District and Block Offices. Further, the department has also provided the internet facility to the block and district level offices in the current financial year 2010-11. The State has planned to develop web based monitoring system for proper monitoring . -33- AW&B 2011-2012 (MDM)

➢ **Arrangement for official inspections to MDM centres and percentage of schools inspected and summary of findings and remedial measures. In the state of Himachal Pradesh, following inspection targets have been assigned to the officers at different levels:-**

Sr. No	Name of inspecting officer	Area of Inspection	Minimum Number of inspections to be conducted in a month	
			Formal inspections	Surprise inspection
1	Deputy Director, Elementary Education	(a) Offices of Block Elementary Education Officers in the District	2	2
		(b) Govt. Elementary Schools of the District	2	2
2	Block Elementary Education Officer	⚜ Govt. Elementary Schools of the Block	4	4
3.	Center Head Teacher	⚜ Govt. Elementary Schools attached with his center	50% of the schools of center	All schools of Center
Note 1. The officers at Sr. No. 1 & 2 above will inspect those blocks/ schools which have not been inspected during the previous year.				
Note 2. On the findings of the of the Inspecting Officers, remedial action is taken by the next level officer.				

➢ **Feedback / comments in respect of report of Monitoring Institutions designated for your State/UT to monitor implementation of MDM and action taken thereon**

The Himachal Pradesh University , the Monitoring Institution for the State has conducted the evaluation study in Districts of Kangra , Kullu and Solan for the period 1.8.2009 to 31.1.2010. The study report submitted by the University revealed that :- Hot cooked meal was served to children every day in all sample checked schools and the children liked

the food. Children were not discriminated on the basis of caste or creed or gender at the time of cooking or serving of meal. Schools had displayed weekly menu . Participation of parents, VEC and panchyats in supervision and monitoring of MDM was good. -33-AW&B 2011-2012 (MDM) Further ,The Monitoring Institution also observed that (in r/o Solan district) Delay in receiving of funds in r/o Cooking cost and honorarium Health Checkups are not done regularly . Inadequate inspection by State level officials Corrective measures taken: Regarding delay in receiving funds: The funds/ budget is being distributed to the BEEOs through internet , e-vitran , the web based application . This reduces the time lag to large extend . However, Department has also issues instructions to all BEEOs for timely release the funds to all SMCs. Regarding health Checkup : The matter has been taken up with the health Department for conducting the health check ups of students at regular intervals. Further, the instructions have also been issued to BEEOs to coordinate with the BMO/ health officials for conducting the regular health check up. Inadequate inspection of State level officials : The State level officials also inspect this programme along with other programmes implemented by the department.