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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy

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To

The Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of Education / Nodal Department for Mid Day Meal Scheme in all States/UTs

Subject: Presence of parents for supervision and tasting of the quality of the meals under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) - reg.

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to say that MDM Guidelines 2006, envisage tasting of mid day meals by 2-3 adults including at least one teacher before it is served to the children. The updated guidelines on food safety and hygiene issued on 13.02.2015 also reiterate that testing of food by a teacher just before serving is mandatory, a record for which is to be maintained. Further the guidelines provide that SMC member should also taste the food on a rotation basis along with the teacher.

2. In addition, the Mid Day Meal Rules 2015, notified on 30th September, 2015 envisage that the School Management Committees (SMC) shall also monitor the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme and shall oversee the quality of meals provided to the children, cleanliness of a place, cooking and maintenance of hygiene in implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme.

3. It has now been decided that in addition to the mandatory testing by one teacher, at least one parent and preferably two who may or may not be SMC members should be present during serving of the meals to students so that they can taste the food as well as certify the number of children who partake of MDM. For this purpose, a roster of such parents be drawn up in advance on a monthly basis and a register to record their observations be also maintained at the school.

4. You are requested to issue necessary instructions to all schools to ensure that these guidelines are strictly followed by concerned Principals / Headmasters of schools.

Yours faithfully,



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