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Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
Mid Day Meal Division  
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Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

ORDER

**Subject: Setting up of Empowered Committee for Mid Day Meal Scheme**

In supersession of order of even no. dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2013, it has been decided to reconstitute the **Empowered Committee for Mid Day Meal Scheme under the Chairpersonship of Minister of Human Resource Development** with the following composition:

- i) MoS dealing with Elementary Education
- ii) Minister of Education, Government of Tamil Nadu
- iii) Minister of Education, Government of Tripura
- iv) Minister of Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh
- v) Minister of Education, Government of Bihar
- vi) Minister of Education, Government of Rajasthan
- vii) Minister of Education, Government of Meghalaya
- viii) Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD
- ix) Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development
- x) Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- xi) Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- xii) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
- xiii) Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- xiv) Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- xv) Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- xvi) Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs
- xvii) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- xviii) Chief Executive Director, Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- xix) Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
- xx) Representative of Azim Premji Foundation



- xxi) Representative of Adama Chetana
- xxii) Representative of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur
- xxiii) Shri Ashok Bhagat, Secretary of Vikas Bharti
- xxiv) Dr. Vinod K. Paul, Professor of Neonatology, Department of Paediatrics, AIIMS
- xxv) Shri H. Thegtse Rinpoche, Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh
- xxvi) Dr. Randeep Guleria, Head of the Department of Pulmonology and Sleep Disorders, AIIMS
- xxvii) Shri Simon Oraon, Tribal leader and Environmentalist, Jharkhand
- xxviii) Shri P.P. Gopinathan Nair, Gandhian and social activist
- xxix) Joint Secretary(EE.I), Department of School Education & Literacy – Member Secretary

3. The Terms of Reference of the Empowered Committee would be as under:

- i) Access, safety, hygiene and quality aspects in the implementation of the MDMS.
- ii) Mechanisms in place for ensuring convergence with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Food & Public Distribution, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj etc.
- iii) Governance mechanisms in place and their effectiveness in the implementation of MDMS.
- iv) Review mechanisms in place to ensure effective monitoring and evaluation of the scheme.
- v) Mechanisms in place for community participation in the Scheme and its effective monitoring.

4. The Committee shall have the power to constitute Sub-Committee(s) on specific subject(s). The Empowered Committee shall meet at least once in three months. The Committee shall co-opt any expert as special invitee as may be deemed necessary.

5. The secretariat support to the Committee will be provided by the Elementary Education Bureau-I of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD.

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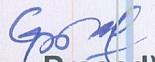
6. The non-official members of the Committee will be paid TA/DA as per GOI's norms.
7. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

  
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**All members of the Empowered Committee (by name)**

**Copy to:**

1. Private Secretary to Minister of Human Resource Development
2. Private Secretary to Minister of State (UK)
3. All Education Secretaries of the States / UTs
4. All Directors of the States / UTs
5. All Bureau Heads in the Department of School Education & Literacy
6. Principal Private Secretary to Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy.
7. All Divisional Heads in EE.I Bureau / All Sections

  
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