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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  
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**NOTIFICATION**

National Programme of Mid Day Meals In Schools Is being Implemented in classes I to VIII of Government and Government aided schools, Local Bodies, NCLP, EGS/AIE Centres, Madrasa & Maqtabas supported under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to improve nutritional status of children and encouraging them to actively participate in the classroom activities.

2. The National Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee in its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Secretary(SE&L) had decided to constitute an Expert Committee for assessing adequacy, improving quality and safety of Mid Day Meal served in the schools. Accordingly it has been decided to constitute an Expert Committee with following composition:

- i) Dr. Prema Ramachandran, Director, Nutrition Foundation of India, New Delhi - Chairperson
- ii) Director, NIN Hyderabad - Member
- iii) Dr. Shiela Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor, Avinashlingam University, Coimbatore - Member
- iv) Dr. Uma Joshi, Dean Faculty of Family and Community Sciences, M.S. University, Baroda. - Member
- v) Dr. Uma Devi, Prof and Head University of Home Science College (NGRAU) Hyderabad AP. - Member
- vi) Dr. Anupa Siddu, Director, Lady Irwin College, Sikandara Road, New Delhi - Member
- vii) Prof. Mihirkanti Chaudhuri, Vice Chancellor, Tejpur Agriculture University, Assam - Member
- viii) Mr. T. Sundaraman, Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre, NIHFWS Campus, Munirika, New Delhi - Member

Shri Gaya Prasad, Director, MHRD will serve the Committee as Member-Secretary.

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

- i) To examine the current norms for quantity and quality of food stuffs to be used in MDM for nutrient adequacy.
- ii) To assess the nutrient adequacy of the varying menus currently used for providing MDM in different States.

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- iii) To examine current guidelines for food safety of hot cooked meal served in MDM in rural settings where food is cooked in individual schools and in the metro settings where food is cooked in centralized kitchens and transported to the schools.
  - iv) To develop systems for continuous monitoring of quantity and quality of food stuffs used in cooking MDM and food safety in MDM in urban and rural areas.
  - v) To estimate the cost of establishing and operating the monitoring system developed under point iv) above.
  - vi) To assess the feasibility of providing nutrition education messages using MDM as the focus.
  - vii) To suggest measures for convergence between school health and MDM for assessment of nutritional status of school children and provide appropriate interventions for management of under and over nutrition in children.

4. The Committee will submit the report within a period of 2 months from the date of the issue of this order.

  
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