

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ITANAGAR.

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Dated Itanagar the, 14th May 2018.

To

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Ref :-

Action Taken Note on the 10th Joint Review Mission's Recommendation.
F.No.18-1/2017-EE-6(MDM-3-1) dated, 14/03/2018.

Sir,

With reference to your letter and subject mentioned above, the Action Taken Note on the recommendation of 10th Joint Review Mission on implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme in Arunachal Pradesh is attached herewith as Annexure-I.

Yours sincerely,

Encl : As above.



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**ACTION TAKEN NOTE ON FINDING'S OF 10TH JOINT REVIEW MISSION (JRM)
OF MID DAY MEAL SCHEME**

1. Huge number of interruptions in serving of meals.
 - A meeting of all the DDSEs of the Districts including Officers from State Headquarters was held on 11.01.2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar to discuss the implementation of MDM scheme with special reference to 10th JRM report.
 - Further, the Secretary (Education) has issued a letter to all the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts to identify the schools where MDM scheme is not implemented properly. Further, all the DDSEs have been directed to surrender the cooking cost and food grains of such schools where MDM is not implemented to the GoI, as per the recommendations of 10th JRM. The reports received are being examined by State Headquarter now.

2. False reporting of number of days MDM served and utilization of cooking cost and food grains.
 - DDSEs have been directed in writing & by way of monthly meetings to check records regularly & to fix responsibility if any such thing is noted in any school. Further, otherwise the DDSE concerned will be held accountable.
 - Orientation training programme on record keeping for Headmaster/MDM teacher in-charge shall be conducted at District/Block level.

3. Huge delay in release of funds from the State to the school. No funds received at school level for FY 2017-18.
 - Finance Department has introduced Public Financial Management System (PFMS) system of release of fund from CFY. Due to delay in opening of current accounts Districts and Schools, and registration thereof in PFMS system of Districts and Schools, release of fund has been inordinately delayed this year. First installment of MDM funds for 2017-18, i.e., adhoc installment of Central assistance has been released to Districts on 12/01/2018. Districts have also started releasing the fund to those schools which have opened current account and registered themselves in PFMS system.
 - With the registrations of all the schools in PFMS system, it is expected that fund flow from State to Schools will speed up from next FY 2018-19.

4. Toilets were in highly unhygienic condition and not usable.
 - DDSE have been directed to hold meeting under convergence with PHED under chairmanship of DC for water supply and provision.

5. No medical emergency plan in schools in case of any untoward incident.
 - DDSE have been directed to implement the contingency plan as forwarded to DC/DDSE vide Department letter No.EED.9/MDM/119/2013-14 dated, 6th June 2014.
 - Emergency helpline number of PHC, CHC and General/District Hospitals to be displayed in the schools, BEO office and DDSE office.
6. Poor convergence with NRHM for Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram.
 - DC shall arrange a meeting of DDSE and DMO in the district for convergence of the programs.
7. Highly irregular payment of honorarium to CCHs.
 - a. No payment during FY 2017-18
 - Fund has been released to Districts through PFMS system on 12/01/2018.
 - b. State share w.r.t. to honorarium to CCHs not paid timely.
 - State share w.r.t to honorarium to CCHs already released during FY 2017-18.
 - The State Government has decided to provide additional Honorarium of Rs.1000/- per month and has earmarked an allocation of Rs.7 crore for this purpose for FY 2018-19.
8. Data for AMS is being reported from only 9% schools.
 - DDSEs shall update the mobile numbers of teacher in-charge of MDM from time to time & ensure that they feed the data for AMS without fail.
9. Very poor inspection of schools by District and Block officials w.r.t. MDM.
 - Inspection registers will be maintained at the school level and it shall be responsibility of DDSEs concerned to prepare an inspection schedule of officers under them to monitor the MDM scheme accordingly, District and Block level officers will visit a fixed number of schools at a predefined frequency for monitoring the MDMs.
10. Irregular supply of food grains in Lower Subansiri District.
 - Matter shall be taken up with FCI by DDSE, Lower Subansiri District. Action shall be taken against carriage contractors, in case they are at fault.
 - Monthly delivery of food grains to each school should be submitted by DDSEs to the Directorate Elementary Education.
11. CCH not engaged as per norms in a large number of schools.
 - DDSE have been directed to ensure compliance of the norms.

12. No payment made to FCI against the bills raised during FY 2017-18.
- **Payment of FCI bills has started from January, 2018 through PFMS system & full payment made of Rs.108.92 lakh for FY 2017-18.**
13. Kitchen sheds are either damaged or not usable or kuccha in most of the schools.
- **The kitchen shed will be repaired under convergence of schemes and community participation.**
14. Lack of community participation and awareness of MDMS among parents and community.
- **In addition to teachers, the CCHs, parents and community members will be encouraged to taste the MDM before the same is served to children especially through SMCs.**
15. Locally available nutritious foods are not included in mid day meal.
- **DDSE shall encourage kitchen gardens in the schools to supplement MDM scheme like few are doing in Tawang, West Kameng & East Siang Districts**
 - **Seasonal fruits available in the area may be provided during season.**
16. Suggestive weekly menu not followed. Only khichri is served in MDM.
- **Suggestive weekly menu has been provided to all Districts/Schools.**

Sl.No	Day	Menu
1	Monday	Rice,Dal, Green vegetables
2	Tuesday	Khichri with green leafy vegetables
3	Wednesday	Rice, Dal, Green vegetables, fruit
4	Thursday	Khichri with green leafy vegetables
5	Friday	Rice,Dal, Green vegetables, fruit
6	Saturday	Khichri with green leafy vegetables

17. Cooked amount as per number of children is less and serving size is also less.
- **Teacher in-charge shall strictly adhered to Food norms of MDM scheme. DDSE shall ensure that MDM served as per prescribed quantity, i.e., 100 Gram of food grain per meal per child for primary and 150 gram of food grain per meal per child for Upper Primary.**
18. Lack of measuring equipment in schools and ignorance of entitlements of the children by the cook.
- **With smoother fund flow through PFMS system, more training shall be conducted for Cook-cum-Helpers on food norms, safety & hygiene, etc. Display of entitlement in schools will be made.**

19. Lack of water availability for cooking, drinking and cleaning of utensils and kitchen area in most of the schools. It hampers the regularity in serving the meals.

- **DDSE shall hold meeting with PHED under chairmanship of DC for water supply and provision.**

20. Other initiatives of State Government.

Other initiatives taken up by State Government to revamp the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme are mentioned below:

- **From this year, CM Samast Shiksha Yojana, Girl Hygiene Scheme has been launched in the State to ensure decentralized planning & better maintenance of school infrastructure.**
- **As per Budget Speech 2018-19, an agreement has been arrived with Akshay Patra to run mid day scheme for hot cooked meals on centralized kitchen model with a grant of Rs.2 crore in Itanagar. A Centralized kitchen shall also be established in Pasighat, East Siang District to be run by Government for which an allocation of Rs.1 crore is being provided.**
- **Further, in view of meager honorarium to cook cum helper, the State Government has decided to provide additional Honorarium of Rs.1000/- per month and has earmarked an allocation of Rs.7 crore for this purpose.**
- **From 2017-18 all funds under MDM scheme is being transferred through PFMS platform. Payment of Honorarium to Cook cum Helper and salaries of Data Entry Operators are being made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under PFMS.**
- **The State level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee has been reconstituted & notified vide order NoEED.9/MDM/98/2017-2018 dated, 05/03/2018 for effective monitoring of MDM scheme. District & Block level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee will be reconstituted on same line.**



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