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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
Mid Day Meal Division

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
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To

Shri Shreemat Pandey
Principal Secretary
Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj
Government of Rajasthan
Sachivalaya, Jaipur, Rajasthan

Subject: National Level Workshop for officers of the States / UT Administrations and Nodal Officer of the 38 Monitoring Institutes – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to inform that 2 days National Level Workshops for all the States / UTs and Nodal Officers of the Monitoring Institutes is scheduled to be held on 30-31st October, 2014 at Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The Joint Secretary looking after Mid Day Meal Scheme in the Ministry of HRD would attend the above National Level Workshop at Jodhpur in addition to other officers of the Ministry and Consultants from TSG-MDM, Ed.CIL. Further, it is also mentioned that about 110-120 participants from States / UTs and Monitoring Institutes would attend the workshop.

2. The objective of the Workshop is to review the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme particularly with reference to the following key indicators:

- i) Delay in the release of funds to the implementing agencies; e-transfer of funds to the implementing agencies; payment of honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers in their bank accounts
- ii) Less coverage of children against enrollment
- iii) Modalities for Food Security Allowance and composition of Joint Review Mission
- iv) Delivery of food grains to school level
- v) Setting up of Management Structure at State / District / Block level
- vi) Payment of cost of foodgrains to FCI
- vii) Monitoring of the Scheme through regular meetings of:
 - a) State level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee; District Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Senior most MP of the District; Block level Steering-cum-Monitoring
 - b) Reports / Visit of the Monitoring Institute; inspection of Schools by State / District / Block Level Officials; School Management Committee; Community participation

- c) Social Auditing of the Scheme
 - d) ATN on the findings of Joint Review Mission
 - e) Complaints / Grievances
- viii) Infrastructure Development : Construction of kitchen-cum-stores and procurement / Replacement of kitchen devices
- ix) New Interventions : Testing of food samples by NABL accredited labs; access, quality, hygiene and safety of mid day meal and contingency plans
- x) Convergence of the MDMS with NRHM, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, MNREGA, MPLAD etc.
3. The expected outcomes of the workshop are as under:
- i) Identify and prioritize critical actions for enhancement of coverage, quality, safety and hygiene in the Scheme.
 - ii) Develop a set of time bound actions to improve quality of the meals with a focus on immediate, short term and medium term accelerated essential actions.
 - iii) Draft framework of comprehensive strategy for better implementation with a detailed implementation plan, timeline and monitorable targets.
4. Each State Government/UT is requested to nominate 1-2 officers for the above Workshop preferably Secretary and Director looking after the Mid Day Meal Scheme in the State. It is also requested that the name of the officers attending workshop may be sent through email at rajmdm@rediffmail.com and through post at Director, Mid Day Meal Directorate, Government of Rajasthan under intimation to this Department. The office telephone number of the Director, MDM, Government of Rajasthan is 0141-2221960.
5. Government of India would bear the entire expenditure for the above workshop including expenditure towards the boarding and lodging of the participants. The State Government of Rajasthan may incur the expenditure in the initial stage from its own resources and submit the bills to Project Manager, TSG-MDM, Ed.CIL (India) Limited for reimbursing the expenditure.
6. The TA/DA of the participants will be borne by the respective State Governments / Departments. It is, therefore, requested that necessary estimates may kindly be sent urgently to Fax No. 011-23382394 and also email to gaya.prasad@nic.in and vk.v.mdm@gmail.com
7. The Registrar / Director of the Monitoring Institutes is requested to depute Nodal Officer to attend the workshop at Jodhpur. The TA / DA of the Nodal Officer of the Monitoring Institute will be borne by this Ministry as per GOI rules only through Project Manager, Ed.CIL (India) Limited. The Nodal Officers of the Monitoring Institutes may be advised to send their travel plan directly to Shri Vijay Vaid, Project Manager, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Ed.CIL (India) Limited, Vijaya Building, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi at email vk.v.mdm@gmail.com and Director, Mid Day Meal, Government of Rajasthan at rajmdm@rediffmail.com under intimation to the undersigned.

8. Further, the full & final payment to the State Government of Rajasthan will be made by this Department through Project Manager, Mid Day Meal, Ed.CIL (India) Limited, Vijaya Building, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, on submission of duly verified vouchers / bills on the last day of the workshop. The Project Manager, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Ed.CIL (India) Limited is requested to book the expenditure on the participation of Nodal Officers from MIs separately from the funds available under TSG-MDM, apart from the approved funds @ Rs. 8 lakh for workshop

9. It is, therefore, requested to kindly issue necessary instructions to the concerned for making necessary arrangements for the smooth organization of the above workshop at Jodhpur and also for the boarding / lodging of the participants. It is also requested that an officer of the State Government may be nominated as Nodal Officer for the workshop for coordination with this Ministry and States / UTs / Nodal Officer of the 38 Monitoring Institutes. It is informed that the Competent Authority has approved Rs. 8 lakh for each workshop. The item-wise estimated expenditure for the workshop may be submitted to Project Manager, Mid Day Meal Scheme, Ed.CIL (India) Limited with a copy to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,



(Gaya Prasad)
Director (MDM)

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Copy to:

1. Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of the Department of Education / Nodal Department of all States/UTs with request to depute 1-2 officers, preferably Secretary and Director dealing with the Mid Day Meal Scheme to attend the above Workshop along with necessary documents / records.
2. Registrar / Director of the Monitoring Institutes with request to depute Nodal Officer to attend the workshop.
3. Director of Mid Day Meal Scheme of all the States / UTs for information and necessary action.
4. All Divisional Heads in MDM Bureau, MHRD for information and necessary action.
5. Sr. Consultants / Consultants in TSG-MDM, Ed.CIL.
6. PPS to Joint Secretary (SE-II)
7. Project Manager, TSG-MDM, Ed CIL (India) Limited, New Delhi with request to coordinate with the Government of Rajasthan and Nodal Officer of MIs and to ensure reimbursement of expenditure incurred by the State Government of Rajasthan in time. TA/DA claim of the Nodal Officer of the MIs may also be settled during the workshop.