

# Mid Day Meal Scheme

Meghalaya

# Initiative taken during 2014-15

## **Corpus Fund**

In order that there is no interruption in serving cooked meal to the school children, State Level Steering-Cum-Monitoring Committee has approved the proposal for sanction of Corpus Fund amounting to Rs.10.00 Crores for Mid Day Meal to which State Finance Department and Planning has agreed.

## **Evaluation Study**

Evaluation Study for proper implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme has been taken up by the Institute of Hotel Management Shillong and report has been received.

## **District Vigilance and Monitoring Meetings**

The SLSMC requested all the districts to conduct the District Vigilance and Monitoring Meetings alongwith the meeting held for DRDA and other flagship programmes adding MDM as one of the agendas. Recently, In East Khasi Hills meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

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## **Transfer of MDM Funds**

In order to speed up the transfer of MDM Funds, at present E-Transfer of fund have been done from the Directorate to Sub-Divisional School Education Offices and schools in urban area only. By April 2015 fund will be done by E-transfer directly to the SMCs of Schools Bank Account.

## **Centralized Kitchen Sheds**

IHM has shown willingness to establish Centralized Kitchen on a trial basis for schools located in Urban Areas in East Khasi Hills

## **Convergence**

A Coordination Committee has been setup for proper monitoring and supervision of School Health Programme with Health Department and for Toilet/Drinking water/Hand Washing with PHE Department. Two meeting has been held with Health and PHE Department.

State Coordination Committee Meeting has been held with Health Department on the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 and 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. With PHE Department on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 and 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

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### **Data Entry into the MIS-Portal**

Principal Secretary requested the SPD – SSA to direct the BMCs/BRCs/CRCs while holding their Monthly meeting on SSA, the teachers should also be invited from Government and Government-Aided Schools within their areas of coverage and also to request them to bring along the filled-in forms of MDM and to submit during the meeting so that the same can be handed over to the SDSEOs concern so as to speed up data entry into the MIS Portal.

### **Quality and Safety aspects in MDM**

Instructions have been issued to all the Schools to see that food served to the School Children are of good quality. Teachers have also been entrusted to supervise and see that food served to the school children is clean and hygienic for eating and ensure safety of the school children and tasting of cooked food before meal is served to school children.

### **Testing of Food Samples by Accredited Laboratories**

Presently State does not have system/facilities for testing of food samples by Accredited Laboratories. The Pastures Institute Megahalya, Shillong has been identified for testing of food sample of MDM. Plan is being worked out for random selection of samples for testing of food from various schools of the Districts

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## Capacity Building

The Institute of Hotel Management, Shillong has also imparted training of 100 cook-cum-helpers in East Khasi Hills District in the month of August 2014, and other Districts also will be taken up by 2015.

## Lack of Management Structure for Mid Day Meal Scheme

As per recommendation of JRM steps are being taken for strengthening of man power at the State and Districts. But due to paucity of fund under MME, contractual staff could not be appointed

## Social Audit

Initially Social Audit is being taken up on a trail basis in East Khasi Hills District and the finding is very useful.

# AWP&B 2015-16 Plan Formulation

- The exercise of bottom up approach starting from the school level will be followed by all the Districts and Sub-divisional officers dealing with Mid Day Meal Scheme. Taking stock of the happenings during the year, draw lessons and incorporate them in the District Plan.
- Authenticity and correctness of figures like enrolment, etc. is the main point of concern and special attention will be taken while the plan is being formulated.
- Trainings will be conducted soon for all the Districts/Sub-Divisional Officers and their inspecting staff to acclimatize themselves with the various steps required for the preparation of the AWP&B 2015-16.
- The Districts /Sub-Divisional Officers will be clearly instructed while preparing the District Plans to base all their data by taking into consideration all the records of implementation maintained by the schools.
- UDISE Data is one of the main criteria on which the information for preparation of the Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2015-16 will be based.

# Projection for 2015-16

- Releasing of funds in time to the schools.
- Training of Cook-cum-helpers.
- Construction of Kitchen Sheds.
- Toilet /Drinking Water facilities.
- School Health Programme.
- School Inspection.
- MIS-Portal.

Thank You