

ANDHRA PRADESH

- **Steps taken to strengthen the monitoring mechanism in the Village, Block, District and State level and status of constitution of SMCs at these levels. Details of such meetings.**

All Senior Officers including Professors of the Education Department have been deputed to the Districts for a period of minimum 4 days to monitor the Mid Day Meal Programme at the District / Division / Mandal level every month. In each Deputy Education officers Division level Senior Officers of the Department review with the Head Masters of High Schools and Mandal Educational Officer concerned reviews all components of the Mid Day Meal programme. The Hon'ble Minister for School Education has conducted two Regional meetings at Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada on 9.02.2011 and 10.02.2011 along with the Principal Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Commissioner & Director of School Education, Senior officers of this office, Regional Joint Directors of School Educations, District Educational Officers, Deputy Educational Officers and Mandal Educational Officers.

- **Strategy for establishment of monitoring cell at various levels viz. Block, District and State levels for effective monitoring of the scheme.**

As per para 3.2 of GOI Guidelines-2006, it is decided to establish the monitoring cell at State, District and Mandal level to oversee the implementation of MDMS. The Chief Secretary to Government as Chairperson at State level, the Collector and District Magistrate as Chairperson at District level and the Tahsildar is the Chairperson at Mandal level.

- **Arrangement for departmental inspections to MDM centers and percentage of schools inspected and summary of findings and remedial measures.**

The Additional Director (Mid Day Meal) and Monitoring Officer along with staff have visited the rural areas of Bhadrachalam, Khammam District and conducted the review meeting with the Deputy Educational Officer / Mandal Educational Officers / Head Masters and implementing agencies. The people of the above area are expressed their happiness on this Programme and felt it is a good programme.

- **Feedback / comments in respect of report of Monitoring Institutions designated for your State /UT to monitor implementation of MDM and action taken thereon.**

Monitoring Institution for Andhra Pradesh – NIRD, Hyderabad Feedback and Action taken:

1. REGULARITY IN SERVING MEAL:

- I) 100% schools of Government, Local Body, Government Aided, AIE / E.G.S., Madarasas / Maqtabs and NCLP are serving hot cooked meal daily under Mid Day Meal scheme as per the suggestions of the Government of India in their Lr.No.F1(9) 2006 Desk (MDM), dt.20.9.2006 and Lr.No.F1(1) 2007- Desk MDM, dt.27.09.2007.
- II) Instructions were issued to ensure to serve the hot cooked meal.

2. REGULARITY IN DELIVERING FOOD GRAINS TO SCHOOL LEVEL:

As per GOI Lr.No.F1-15/2009 Desk (MDM), dt.10.02.2010 of MHRD, Department of School Education Literacy - MDM Division, New Delhi, Govt. Memo.No.8150/SE.Prog.-1/A1-2010, dt.17.06.2010, the following steps have been taken:

- i. Food grains are delivered regularly without any delay.
- ii. The balance of food grains are maintained at school level.
- iii. Instructions were issued by Commissioner of Civil Supplies to deliver the FAQ rice at school point only.
- iv. Instructions were issued to field functionaries to weigh the food grains received by them and endorse on the delivery challan and also to bring the shortage / poor quality of food grains noticed to the notice of the concerned for taking further action.
- v. Food grains are stored at school point under the safe custody of Headmaster.

3. REGULARITY IN DELIVERING COOKING COST TO SCHOOL LEVEL

- i. As per GOI Lr.No.F1-1/2009-Desk(MDM), dt.24.11.2009 of MHRD, Dept. of School Education & Literacy MDM-Division-New Delhi, Budget is being released regularly in installments to the Mandal Educational Officers through District Educational Officers for delivering cooking cost to the implementing agencies i.e. Self Help Groups regularly.
- ii) As per G.O.Ms.No.474, SE (Prog-1) Dept., dt.17.08.2010, Cooking Cost is paid to the Self Help Groups through banking channel.

4. SOCIAL EQUITY:

No discriminations are maintained in gender, cost, cooking and taking meal or seating arrangements.

5. QUALITY & QUANTITY OF MEAL:

The parents, community participants and school children have

expressed their happiness on quality & quantity of food provided in schools, as per the norms prescribed in GOI Lr.No.F.No.1-1/2009, Desk (MDM), MHRD-DSE & Literacy, MDM Division, dt.24.11.2009,

6. SAFETY & HYGIENE:

Instructions were given to DEOs / MEOs / HMs to ensure that the children should follow hygienic and cleaning habits before and after meal and to keep the surroundings clean and healthy. As per Commissioner & Director of School Education, Proc.Rc.No.173/MDM/2010, dt.18.06.2010.

School committee members are supervising safety and hygiene of the children in the schools.

7. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION:

Instructions were issued to the MEOs and HMs that parent / Community member should be invited at the time of serving meal and ask them to taste the meal. The community members are donating plates / glasses / cooking vessels in many schools wherever required.

8. INSPECTION & SUPERVISION:

DEOs / MEOs will inspect the schools once / twice in a month respectively. State officials shall visit periodically. Instructions were issued to the MEOs and HMs that parent / Community member should be invited at the time of serving meal and ask them to taste the Meal.

Senior Officers of the C & DSE were allotted each District and instructed to visit 2/3 days every month to review and monitoring the implementation of the Programme.

9. IMPACT:

Rate of enrollment and retention, nutritional status of children in schools is increased.