

Karnataka

- **Steps taken to strengthen the monitoring mechanism in the Block, District and State level and status of constitution of SMCs at these levels. Status of formation on Standing Committee at village / School / Cooking agency level.**

As per guidelines issued under midday meal programme, steering-cum-Monitoring Committees have been constituted at Block, District and State Levels. Hitherto seven meetings have been conducted at State level on the following dates 1.12.2005, 25.5.2006, 3.2.2007, 29.1.2008, 11.03.2009, 15.12.2009 and 20.12.2010. Number of meetings conducted: State level-7, District level-137 and taluk level-428

Inter district Inspection are conducted by the officers for the better implementation of the programme where in all the records are scrutinized and the quality of food is checked intensively.

Regular quarterly Phone in programme on radio attracts a lot of public listeners and the problems of MDM are solved through easily by the Secretary, Primary and Secondary Education, GOK, Commissioner for Public Instruction Director Primary Education, Joint Director MMS.

It is also been planned to shoot documentary film about the success stories of MDM and also best practices that are in vogue through out the State. Best working ADPIs of the Taluk and also cooks may be awarded for their excellent service on some expected parameters.

Advertisements are published through print media such as news paper. It is also planned to advertise through news bulletins and jingles on electronic

media such as radio and television to popularize the effective implementation of MDM programme in the State.

In all villages SDMC is constituted at each school and SDMCs supervise the MDM programme in all schools.

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

State level Steering Cum Monitoring committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary to GOK, holds meetings once in six months every year to review the progress of MDM. Major issues are taken up for discussion and decisions made are implemented. For instance 20gms of sample Dhal packets are distributed to each school to ensure the same quality been supplied.

District level and Taluk level SMCs are also constituted and meetings are held to review the progress of the District and Taluk respectively.

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

Directors, Joint directors, Deputy Directors, Block Education officers, Block resource co-coordinators, Education officers supervising MDM programme, assistant directors MDM conduct official inspection of the mid day meal centres. So far 20883 schools have inspected out of 56384 schools. That means 37.03 % of the schools have been inspected.

In cases of misuse and diversion of funds or food grains found at the time of inspection, action has been taken up to recover the loss from the concerned official. Apart from recovery, disciplinary actions are also taken up.

➤ **Feed back/comments in respect of report of monitoring institutions designated for your state/UT to monitor implementation of MDM and action taken thereon.**

Regional Institute of Education, Mysore and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore are the monitoring institutions designated for Karnataka state. RIE has given a report regarding inadequacy of kitchen sheds in some schools in Raichur district. Kitchen sheds are being constructed out of central funds. During the year 2009-10, Rs 682.80 lakhs at Rs 60,000 per kitchen sheds is released to construct 1138 kitchen sheds. No observations about other districts of the state have been received.