

## MEGHALAYA

- **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.**

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Committee has also been held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary and the next meeting will take place shortly.

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

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

MDM Scheme inspection is done simultaneously with normal school inspection by the Deputy Inspectors, Sub Inspectors, SEO, LSEO, BMC, BRP and CRP. During school inspections, the inspecting staff has been instructed to specially look into aspects of implementation of MDM Scheme like quality of cooked meals given to the children and tasting of food by the teachers. Till the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2010-11 almost all the schools have been inspected but compilation and submission of reports had not been quite satisfactory due to shortage of equipment and manpower at the Sub- Divisional levels. Despite these limitations, the State Government is trying to improve the situation.

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

The findings and the observations of the monitoring institute are discussed as one of the agenda items of SSA and MDMS Review Meetings as and when the same are made available to the State Government. The District officers have been instructed to furnish their comments on the reports. The points raised in the reports like appointment of cooks and helpers so that teachers are not made to cook mid day meals were explained and necessary advice was given on how to circumvent the particular problems highlighted therein. The District Commissioners have also been requested to ensure that allotment and lifting of foodgrains is regular and timely. It is a fact that there had

been some disruptions in giving MDM to the school children during the rainy seasons due to the absence of good kitchen sheds and shortage of foodgrain in the FCI godowns. With the construction of kitchen sheds in 5768 L.P. and U.P. Schools, this situation is expected to significantly improve in the near future. Proposal for sanctioning of fund for construction of kitchen sheds to 3723 schools has been submitted to the Govt. of India and sanction is awaited.