

## **Puducherry**

### ➤ **STEPS TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN MONITORING MECHANISM:**

The Monitoring Committees in Zonal level / District level / State level are likely to be constituted shortly and after constitution the meeting reports will be communicated.

### ➤ **ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS TO MDM CENTRES:**

The Chief Educational Officer, Puducherry / Karaikal / Mahe, the Deputy Director (Women), Puducherry and the Delegate to the Director of School Education, Yanam are the Nodal Officers for the implementation of the Midday Meal Scheme in the respective regions and all the Deputy Inspector of schools are the Inspecting Officers for the implementation of the Midday Meal Scheme. The Nodal Officers and the Inspecting Officers are periodically inspecting the Central Kitchens / School Canteen Centres to ensure the quality of food prepared in the kitchens and also draw random samples of diet articles to ascertain the quality under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules made there under. Number of food samples were drawn from the central kitchens and sent to Public Health Laboratory, Gorimedu to ascertain the quality as per the prescribed standards. So far no substandard / adulteration of diet articles is reported by the Public Analyst, Public Health Laboratory, Gorimedu. In addition, the Store Superintendent of the Directorate of School Education and the Stock verifier of the respective Nodal Officers are also visiting all the kitchens periodically to verify the stock position and other related issues.

### ➤ **FEEDBACK / COMMENTS IN RESPECT OF REPORT OF MONITORING INSTITUTIONS:**

The Pondicherry University is designated as the Monitoring Institution on the implementation of Midday Meal Scheme in Puducherry and a report in this regard is awaited. In addition, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai is also evaluating the implementation of the scheme in Puducherry and its report is also awaited.