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Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
Mid Day Meal Division  
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Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi  
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**NOTIFICATION**

National Programme of Mid Day Meals In Schools Is being Implemented in classes I to VIII of Government and Government aided schools, Local Bodies, NCLP, EGS/AIE Centres, Madrasa & Maqtabas supported under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to improve nutritional status of children and encouraging them to actively participate in the classroom activities.

2. The National Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee in its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Secretary(SE&L) had decided to constitute an Expert Committee for assessing adequacy, improving quality and safety of Mid Day Meal served in the schools. Accordingly it has been decided to constitute an Expert Committee with following composition:

- i) Dr. Prema Ramachandran, Director, Nutrition Foundation of India, New Delhi - Chairperson
- ii) Director, NIN Hyderabad - Member
- iii) Dr. Shiela Ramachandran, Vice Chancellor, Avinashlingam University, Coimbatore - Member
- iv) Dr. Uma Joshi, Dean Faculty of Family and Community Sciences, M.S. University, Baroda. - Member
- v) Dr. Uma Devi, Prof and Head University of Home Science College (NGRAU) Hyderabad AP. - Member
- vi) Dr. Anupa Siddu, Director, Lady Irwin College, Sikandara Road, New Delhi - Member
- vii) Prof. Mihirkanti Chaudhuri, Vice Chancellor, Tejpur Agriculture University, Assam - Member
- viii) Mr. T. Sundaraman, Executive Director, National Health Systems Resource Centre, NIHFWS Campus, Munirika, New Delhi - Member

Shri Gaya Prasad, Director, MHRD will serve the Committee as Member-Secretary.

3. The Terms of Reference of the Committee will be as under:

- i) To examine the current norms for quantity and quality of food stuffs to be used in MDM for nutrient adequacy.
- ii) To assess the nutrient adequacy of the varying menus currently used for providing MDM in different States.

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