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**Subject: Minutes of the National Level Review Meeting with States / UTs Education Secretaries / Nodal Officers to review the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 at New Delhi**

A National Level Review Meeting with State / UT Education Secretaries / Nodal Officers to review the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Anshu Vaish, Secretary (SE&L), Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

2. A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is enclosed for information & necessary action.

  
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**Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of all the States / UTs of the Nodal Officers  
Department implementing Mid Day Meal Scheme.**

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**Minutes of the National Level Review Meeting with State / UT Education Secretaries / Nodal officers to review the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi**

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A meeting to review the progress of Mid Day Meal scheme was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 under the Chairpersonship of Ms.Anshu Vaish, Secretary(SE&L). A list of participants is attached at **Annexure-I**.

Dr. Amarjit Singh, Joint Secretary (EE.I), Department of School Education and Literacy made a presentation (**Annexure-II**).The presentation also highlighted performance of scheme in terms of coverage of children against enrolment, utilization of resources made available, viz. cooking cost, food grains, transportation cost, MME, Kitchen sheds and Kitchen devices. He further drew the attention of State/UT Governments towards the data entry into MIS web portal launch in month of June 2012. The following major issues were discussed:

**1. Nutritional Status in the Country:**

JS(EE-I) focused on the nutritional status of children in the country. He stated that according to the NFHS-3, 48% of preschool children height is not appropriate to their age. The level of malnutrition goes up during the school years. This affects not only the learning ability, but also on the cognitive ability of the children.

**2. Component wise budget allocation for 2012-13**

JS(EE-I) informed that Rs.48,000 crores was allocated for the programme during the 11th Five year plan. During this financial year, the budget allocation for MDM is Rs.11,937 crores, out of which 53% (i.e 6285.37 crores) is allocated for the cooking cost, which is a very crucial component of the MDM scheme for addressing the nutritional needs of the children. Of the remaining allocation, 20% (2391.76 crores) goes to honorarium to cook cum helpers, 14% (1641.88 crores) towards the cost of food grains, two per cent each for transportation assistance (Rs.238.73crores) and MME (206.05 crores).

**3. Coverage status under MDM during 2011-12**

The implementation of scheme was reviewed thereafter, on the basis of information provided by the States/UTs during 2011-12.

**3.1 Coverage of Children vs. Enrolment**

Enrolment vs Coverage –Primary

At primary level in 7 States namely Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh, coverage of children under MDM against the enrolment was less than the national average i.e.

