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Directorate of Elementary Education,
Himachal Pradesh
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To

1. All the Deputy Directors (Elementary Education) Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Deputy Directors (Higher Education) Himachal Pradesh.
3. All the Block Elementary Education Officers Himachal Pradesh

Subject: - Report of 11th Joint Review Mission on Mid Day Meal Scheme remedial & corrective measures and action taken thereof.

Sir

It is stated that the 11th Joint Review Mission (JRM) team headed by Dr Asha Kawatra, Professor, Food & Nutrition, Dean, Postgraduate Studies CCS HAU Hissar, Haryana, on Mid Day Meal Scheme had visited the State for monitoring the said scheme during 18th - 24th December 2018. The JRM team visited two districts viz Sirmour and Mandi of the state for the said purpose during aforesaid period. After the completion of the visit a detailed report was submitted by the JRM team to the State Government and as per this report some observations and recommendations were made by the JRM to the State Government with respect to the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme in schools in the State as under :-

Sr. No	Recommendation / Suggestions	Action required
1	State Govt. should ensure availability of funds in advance at School level.	The Elementary Education Department provides requisite funds to the schools through DDEE's & BEEO's in time for the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme in schools in the state. Hence, all the DDEE's & BEEO's may ensure the availability of funds in one month advance to schools for the said purpose under the aforesaid Scheme.
2	Additional Proposal of Head load from FPS shop to School doorstep may be submitted to MHRD.	All the DDEE's have already been directed to expedite this matter with their respective Deputy Commissioners and submitting the District wise report / proposal to this Directorate at the earliest, so that the consolidated report of the state could be submitted to the GOI, MHRD New Delhi for consideration and approval.
3	There is an urgent need for orientation of the teachers and CCH associated with MDMS. Small refresher courses and workshops can be organized at Block / District level. Requisite awareness about entitlements of children under this scheme also need to be created among the teachers, MDM In-charge and CCH of the schools.	All the DDEE's & BEEO's are oriented regarding smooth and proper implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme in schools in the monthly meetings i.e. DDEE's at Directorate, BEEO's, at District and CHT's / Teachers at Block/Cluster level from time to time. Apart from the above the Mid Day Meal Workers / Cook -Cum -Helpers (CCH) are being trained as Master trainer in phased manner from IHM Kufri (Shimla) with 10 days training who are further orienting the Cook -Cum -Helpers (CCH) in the schools in their

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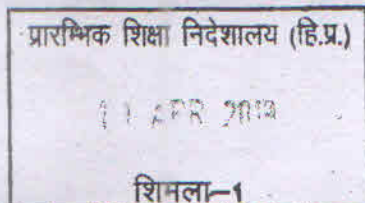
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		respective Blocks /Schools.
4	Leaflets consisting of standardized recipes for Mid Day Meal may be distributed in each school as ready reckon for CCH.	
5	It should be compulsory to add green and leafy vegetables in MDM to meet the food norms and to improve nutritional status of children. Locally available fruits, green leafy and other vegetable should to include in MDM to ensure the intake of protective nutrients.	The requisite detailed instructions in this regard have already been circulated to all the schools by this Department through DDEE's and BEEO's. Hence all the DDEE's / BEEO's and CHT's may ensure the implementation of the same in letter and spirit in schools under MDMS.
8	Variety of Pulses should be included in MDM as only Razma and Black gram is being served.	
7	There should be provision of at least one serving of milk or egg in the weekly menu.	The matter regarding "provision of milk as an additional food items under MDMS to the school students has already been taken up with the state Government for consideration.
8	Kitchen gardens may be developed in school premises including plantation of fruit bearing trees like banana, guava, mango, papaya, etc. For this purpose help may be sought from the State Departments of Horticulture/Agriculture/KVKs, SAU, Palampur.	The kitchen gardens are being developed in school premises subject to the availability of adequate and proper land at school level. However, all the DDEE's /BEEO's and CHT's have been directed to develop kitchen gardens in all schools in the State.
9	Preferably food should be cooked in IRON utensils to improve the overall Iron content in the cooked food.	All the DDEE's / BEEO's/ CHT's are directed to prefer the purchase of iron utensils by replacing old <i>utensils</i> for cooking Mid day Meal in schools in future.
10	Standard weights and measuring equipments should be made available in all kitchens across the State to weigh the exact amount of raw ingredients to be cooked.	All the DDEE's/BEEO's/CHT 's are directed to develop proper mechanism at school level for this purpose .
11	The SMCs should finalize the menu as per the availability of local raw materials, religious beliefs and likes & dislikes of the students. Weekly menu may be revised periodically by the SMC for maintaining interest of children towards MDM.	The SMC's have already been authorized by the Government /Department for this purpose and the same is already being implemented in letter and spirit in schools in the State.

2	The State Government may explore the possibility of construction of dining halls with adequate furniture in the schools covered under MDMS in convergence with MPLAD Scheme.	The matter will be taken up by this Department with the Government for providing requisite funds for this purpose in convergence with MPLAD Scheme.
3	Cooks and school teachers must know the cooked portion to be served as per recommendations.	Already implemented in schools in the state.
4	Home Science/Community Science graduates be appointed at State and District level for the implementation and monitoring of MDMS.	It is a policy matter required to be taken at Government level for which the matter will be taken up by this Department with the State Government for consideration.
5	The refresher training of district and block officials for the preparation of low cost recipes and monitoring of MDMS can be done at SAU, Palampur.	The matter will be taken up with the State Agriculture University Palampur (AUP) by this Department for consideration.
6	For identification of the undernourished children and making timely corrective action, BMI of the children should be observed regularly.	
7	Health check up should be done at least twice a year. More convergence of Rashtriya Baal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) is required so that children could receive vitamin A supplementation as well as IFA as per schedule and their periodic health check-ups, necessary referrals and timely corrective measures are also required to be taken to improve nutrition and health status of school children.	The matter will be taken up by this Department with the State Health Department.
8	The State Govt. should also constitute Review Mission at the State level and send them to model districts of the State every six months to review the implementation of the programme. The State Govt. officials looking after MDMS may join the Review Mission in other states under exchange scheme. These orientation visits will also widen the horizon of the officials.	The requisite proposal in this regard will be submitted by this Department to the State Government for consideration.
9	State Government should ensure the procurement and supply of double fortified salt.	This matter has already been taken up by this Department with the H.P.State Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department /HPSCSC.

20	Full size serving plates should be provided to the children in all the schools for eating meals.	Eating plates are being provided to the school students under MDMS in a phased manner.
21	Children are needed to be educated for personal hygiene and sanitation like cutting of nails.	All students are being oriented and educated in daily morning assemblies in the schools in this regard.
22	Person with at least Master's degree in Food Science & Nutrition should be appointed for better monitoring of scheme at district/block levels.	Already mentioned at Sr No 14 as above.
23	Provision should be made for supply of food grade plastic storage container for storage of raw materials.	All the DDEE's /BEEO's /CHT's are being directed to procure plastic food grade storage container for the storage of all foodgrain items under Mid Day Meal Scheme during replacement period / time.
24	Usage of natural protestants should be emphasized to prevent insect infestation.	The requisite instructions in this regard have already been circulated by this Department to all the schools through DDEE's /BEEO's.

In view of the above, you are therefore directed to ensure to take remedial as well as corrective measures /steps on all the above mentioned major observations / recommendations & suggestions regarding implementation of Mid Day meal scheme in schools in the state and send the wise action taken report (ATR) to this Directorate in due course, so that the same could be shared with the Government of India through state Government.



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1. The Principal Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh-171002 with reference to his letter No: EDN-C-F(4) 3/2011-Vol-II dated 4-4-2019 for information please.
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