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To

The Principle Secretary/Secretary to the States/UTs Govt of nodal Department of Mid-Day Meal Scheme.

**Subject: Setting up of Steering cum Monitoring Committees at the State, District and Block level to oversee the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme.**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Para 3.2 of the guidelines of the Mid Day Meal Scheme, 2006 stipulates that States/UTs would set up Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee(SMC) at the State, District, City and Block level to oversee the implementation Mid Day Meal Scheme. A suggested composition of the SMC at various level is also given in the Annexure-8 of the guidelines. The function of these SMCs is to :-

- (a) Guide the various implementation agencies,
- (b) Monitor programme implementation, assess its impact, and take corrective steps,
- (c) Take action on reports of independent monitoring/evaluation agencies,
- (d) Effect coordination and convergence among concerned departments, agencies (e.g. FCI), and schemes, and
- (e) Mobilize community support and promoting public-private partnership for the programme.

2. It has been noticed that although State level SMC has been set up in most of the States/UTs, their meetings are not being held as regularly as desired. Further, SMCs at District, City and Block level are either not set up or their meetings are not being held regularly. You would appreciate that effective functioning of Block, City & District level SMCs is essential for successful implementation of the MDM Scheme. Such observation has also been made by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of 15<sup>th</sup> Lok Sabha in its 9<sup>th</sup> Report on Mid Day Meal Scheme.

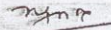
3. All States/UTs are therefore requested to take following action regarding monitoring of Mid Day Meal Scheme:-

- (a) Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee shall be set up, if not done already, at the State, District, City and Block level.
- (b) Meeting of SMC at Block and City level shall be held every month in the first week of the month to monitor the implementation of the scheme in the previous month and arrangements for properly implementing the scheme, in every school of that particular block, particularly the availability of foodgrains and funds.

- (c) Meeting of SMC at District level shall be held every month, in which the review of the SMCs meetings held at Block level would be done in addition to the normal functions of SMC. This meeting may be held on the same date along with the meeting held every month for monitoring the lifting of foodgrains from the FCI godwons and payment made to them.
- (d) Meeting of SMC at State level shall be held in atleast every six months, in which the review of the SMCs meetings held at District level would be done in addition to the normal functions of SMC.

5. All States/UTs are requested to issue necessary instructions in the light of the above, endorse a copy of the same to this Ministry for our records, and monitor strict compliance of these instructions.

Yours faithfully,



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