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From

The Director General Elementary Education,
Haryana, Panchkula.

To

All the District Elementary Education Officers

Memo No: 1/27-2013 MDM (1)
Dated, Panchkula, the 19-12-2013
23-12-13

Subject: Guidelines to ensure quality, safety and hygiene under the Mid Day Meal Scheme.

Please refer to Government of India letter no. 1-4/2013-Desk(MDM) dated 22-11-2013 on the subject cited above.

Vide this letter GOI has informed that the Parliamentary Committee on the welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes reviewed in 2012 the status of Mid Day Meal Scheme(MDMS) so far as it relates to prevention of untouchability in the Scheme. The Committee has now submitted the 13th Report to the 15th Lok Sabha on the above subject. The recommendation made by the committee, which are to be implemented by the State Governments for ensuring full participation of the community in the Scheme are as under:-

- 1 The committee recommends that the nodal officer or nodal agency in the States to make regular field visits and conduct surprise checks every month to detect any violation of guidelines and persistence of untouchability, if any and submit their report to the State Govt. concerned.
- 2 The committee observed that due to lukewarm approach of the implementing agencies untouchability still exists in some part of the country. The committee strongly recommends that accountability should be fixed for non adhering to the rules and procedure and violating guidelines so as to implement the MDM Scheme properly.
- 3 The committee was distressed to note that some schools and few teachers are playing roles in perpetuating untouchability. The committee also recommend that periodic interactive sessions should be held with the teachers by the school managements to make them understand the social fallout of untouchability and its ever lasting impact on the tender minds of the children.
- 4 The committee recommended that the credentials of all NGOs involved in MDM schemes should be verified so that well established, public spirited, Non profit making entites having a good reputation in the area can be given execution work of MDM Scheme.

You are therefore requested that the above recendations of the committee may be appreciated and implemented.


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