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Sub: Hand washing with soap by school children before and after Mid Day Meal.

Attention is invited to the MDM Guidelines which provides for hand washing with soap by all school children before and after Mid Day Meal and other critical events. In this regard Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India has set 15th October (Global Hand washing Day) as deadline for launching hand washing with soap for the mid day meal scheme in all schools. Further, MHRD has advised that the following provisions should be made in the schools for Hand Washing with soap activity of students:

1) Provision of Hand Washing Platforms in the schools. Where such platforms are not available, the same shall be constructed as per the estimates provided by MHRD, the construction of such Platforms, shall cost approximately Rs.5,870/-.

2) Availability of sufficient number of taps to enable hand washing of all the students in the school and in case of single tap-water source, provision of Rubber Pipe for attaching multi-taps.

3) Availability of Hand-Wash-Liquid-Soap and Soap-Bottles for filling up hand-wash-liquid-soap diluted with the water (as A bar of soap or A bottle of hand wash liquid is insufficient to cater the needs of hand washing of so many students in the school).

It has been decided that for the purpose of items mentioned at Point 2 & 3 above, the funds shall be provided to the schools under Mid Day Meal Scheme through Planning Branch under MME (Monitoring Management Evaluation). However, regarding construction of Hand Washing Platforms in the schools as prescribed by MHRD vide letter dated 17.04.2013 (copy enclosed), all the DDEs have to submit the information Online through MIS Module in respect of schools falling under their jurisdiction.

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Encl.: As above.

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