GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI  
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION, MID DAY CELL,  
R.NO. 252, OLD SECRETRIAT, DELHI

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CIRCULAR  
(THOROUGH MIS)

Enclosed please find herewith the DO letter No. 2-43/2013-EE.5 (MDM-1-2) dated 18.10.2013 from Dr. Amarjit Singh, Additional Secretary, (EE-I), Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi -15 regarding Children falling in the Mid Day Meal vessel and dying.

The letter from Govt. of India is self-explanatory and all the HOS are hereby directed to take suitable action in their respective schools during distribution of Mid-Day Meal in order to avoid any untoward incident in the schools.

(R.N. Sharma)  
Dy. Director of Education (MDM)

Copy to:-
(1) P.A to Director of Education, Old Sectt. Delhi – 54
(2) P.A to Additional Director of Education (MDM), Old Sectt. Delhi – 54
(3) All DDEs with the request that the above instructions are adhered to strictly.
(4) O.S. (IT) to upload the said circular on the official website of the department.

(R.N. Sharma)  
Dy. Director of Education (MDM)
D.O.No.2-43/2013-EE.5 (MDM-1-2) Dated the 18th October, 2013

Subject: Children falling in the Mid Day Meal vessel and dying.

Dear Shri Anindo Majumder,

As you are aware, the Mid-Day Meal Guidelines stipulate that the community members and teachers should ensure that children eat together mid day meal in an orderly manner in a spirit of camaraderie. The safety of the students is paramount in all these activities.

2. Contrary to the guidelines, it has come to our notice that in several States, Mid-Day Meal is not served in an orderly manner. Recently in Odisha, MDM was prepared for 266 students in a school. While the hot cooked mid day meal was ready to be served to the students, the recreation bell rang, and students started rushing to avail of the Mid-Day Meal. One student of class-III, was standing in front of the container containing hot curry, when the students stared rushing, without queuing, the child fell down into the hot container and received burn injuries and later succumbed to them. Similarly, it has been learnt that a six year-old girl unfortunately died after falling into a sambar vessel in her school in Karnataka’s Chikkaballapur district.

3. It is requested that the State Governments/UT Administrations may issue strict administrative orders/guidelines on serving of mid day meal in schools in an orderly manner. The instructions may also interalia include keeping the serving utensils at a height and ensuring children to stand in queue to receive mid day meal, so that such tragic incidents do not recur.

With regards,

Mid Day Meal Branch
Dte. of Education
Old Sectt. Delhi
Diary No. 3531....
Date......28/10/2013

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Yours sincerely,

(Amarjit Singh)