To,

Dy. Director of Education,
All Districts.
Directorate of Education.

(THROUGH MIS)

Sub:- Guidelines on Food Safety and Hygiene for School Level Kitchen under Mid Day Meal Scheme-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that Mid Day Meal Scheme is a centrally sponsored Scheme of Ministry of HRD.

In this regard, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India vide its letter F.No.14-02/2013-EE.5(MDM-1-2) dated 13/02/2015 has issued guidelines on Food Safety and Hygiene for School Level Kitchen under Mid Day Meal, (enclosed herewith), which have already been communicated to you vide this office circular no. DE/23(540)/MDM/2015/780-825 dated 24/11/2015 (copy enclosed) for implementation of aforesaid MHRD guidelines in letter and spirit.

Now, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India vide its DO No.2-30/2016-EE.5 (MDM-1-2) dated 10/05/2016 have pointed out that complaints related to poor quality of Mid Day Meal increase substantially, immediately on reopening of the schools after summer vacations and during the summer/rainy season thereafter and seasonal spurt in such incidents could be attributed to contamination of stored food grains/or other raw materials during the intervening summer vacations, failure to conduct a thorough cleaning of kitchen premises and utensils etc.

Accordingly, Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India has advised that there is need for extra vigilance and sensitization of school head masters & field functionaries during the months of July to September. Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India have also advised to comply with the various guidelines issued by it on the matter to prevent incidents of supply of sub-standard/poor quality MDM as well as food-poisoning incidents.
The aforesaid guidelines issued by Ministry of HRD vide its letter dated 10/05/2016 (copy enclosed) are for “school level kitchens” but they are also relevant for Centralised kitchens under Mid Day Meal Scheme. Therefore, the aforesaid MHRD Guidelines needs to be suitably implemented in the school of Directorate of Education and empanelled Centralized kitchen of NGOs/Service providers for Mid Day Meal to ensure compliance of MHRD instructions on the safety aspects of procurement, storage, preparation, distribution, serving, waste disposal of food items as well as issues of personal hygiene of students and those involved in cooking and serving of food.

Accordingly, it is requested to direct all the concerned for implementation of aforesaid MHRD guidelines in letter and spirit.

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(S.K. Tyagi)
Officer Superintendent (MDM)

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copy for information and action to:-

1. The Director (Education), New Delhi Municipal Council, Palika Kendra, 3rd Floor, Parliament Street, Conn. Place, New Delhi with the request to take appropriate action in this regard.
2. The Director (Education), East Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Udyog Sadan, 419, Patpargunj Industrial 
   Area, Delhi-110092 with the request to take appropriate action in this regard.
3. The Director (Education), South Delhi Municipal Corporation of Delhi, 9th Floor, Dr. Shyama Prasad 
   Mukharjee, Civic Centre, E-1 Block, J L Marg, Minto Road, New Delhi-110002 with the request to take 
   appropriate action in this regard.
4. The Director (Education), North Municipal Corporation of Delhi, 4th Floor, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukharjee, 
   Civic Centre, E-1 Block, J L Marg, Minto Road, New Delhi-110002 with the request to take appropriate 
   action in this regard.
5. The Addl. Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Cantonment Board, Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantonment, Delhi with the 
   request to take appropriate action in this regard.
6. All NGOs/Service Providers (Empanelled under Mid Day Meal Scheme), Directorate of Education, GNCT of 
   Delhi with the direction to strictly comply with the above mentioned guidelines issued by MHRD, Govt. of 
   India.
7. OS(IT) with the request to upload this circular on the web site of Directorate of Education.

(S.K. Tyagi)
Officer Superintendent (MDM)