Attention is invited toward this office order/circular dated 23.01.2012, whereby it has been directed that School Level MDM Committee shall taste the MDM before serving of MDM to the children.

In this regard, it is intimated that Ministry of HRD Govt. of India vide letter No. F. No. 1-6/2009-Desk (MDM) dated 04/12/2015 has stated that:-

1. As per MDM Guidelines 2006, tasting of Mid Day Meals by 2-3 adults including, at least, 1 teacher before it is served to the children is mandatory.

2. The updated guidelines on food safety and hygiene issued on 13/02/2015 also reiterate that tasting of food by a teacher just before serving is mandatory, a record for which is to be maintained. Further, the guidelines provided that SMC members should also taste the food on a rotation basis along with the teacher.

3. In addition, the Mid Day Meal Rules 2015, notified on 30th September, 2015 envisage that the School Management committees (SMC) shall also monitor the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme and shall oversee the quality of meals provided to the children, cleanliness of a place, cooking and maintenance of hygiene in implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme.

4. It has now been decided that in addition to the mandatory testing by one teacher, at least one parent and preferably two who may or may not be SMC members should be present during serving of the meals to students so that they can taste the food as well as certify the number of children who partake of MDM. For this purpose, a roster of such parents be drawn up in advance on a monthly basis and a register to record their observations be also maintained at the school.

In view of the above, all the Principals/HOSs of Govt./Govt. Aided Schools are requested to strictly comply with the aforesaid instructions of Ministry of HRD, GOI.

This issues prior approval of the Competent Authority.

(S.K. Tyagi)
Superintendent (MDM)
Copy for information to:-

1. The Director (MDM), GOI, MHRD, Deptt. Of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110001.

2. DDE of all Distts, Directorate of Education with the request to ensure that these guidelines are strictly followed by concerned Principals/Headmasters of schools.


6. OS (IT) with the request to upload this circular on the web site of Directorate of Education in Pop-up before and after login for the schools as well as in the MDM folder also.


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