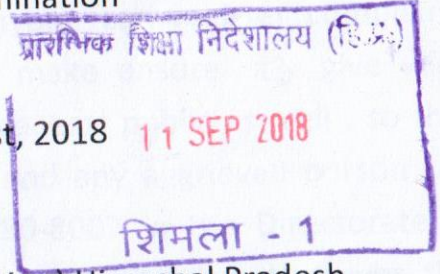


PERSONAL ATTENTION
IMPORTANT
REMINDER-VII

No.EDN-H(EE)(4)4-19/2016-17 Caste Discrimination
Directorate of Elementary Education,
Himachal- Pradesh
Dated: Shimla - 171001, the

August, 2018 11 SEP 2018



To

1. All the Deputy Directors (Elementary Education) Himachal Pradesh.
2. All the Deputy Directors (Higher Education) Himachal Pradesh
3. All the Block Elementary Education Officers Himachal Pradesh

Subject: - No discrimination with school children on the basis of religion, caste, creed and gender in the schools under Mid day Meal Programme.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Directorate letter of even No. dated 07-01-2013 and subsequent reminders dated 16-11-2015 , 16-12-2015, 26-2-2016 , 18-06-2016 and 13-10-2016,16-12-2016, 16-08-2017,15-09-2017,25-11-2017,19-03-2018 vide which detailed instructions have been issued to you for discouraging any discrimination with the school children on the basis of religion, caste, creed and gender while serving MDM to the school students in the schools under Mid day meal programme. In this context, it is once again reiterated that you may be aware that some incidents of discrimination with the school children on the basis of above said factors are reported from schools from time to time while serving mid day meal to the school students in the schools in the State . In this regard, it is, therefore, once again emphasized upon that Mid day meal programme must be used as a vehicle for inculcation for good habits , discipline and spirit of social equality among school children and there should not be any discrimination and segregation amongst school children while serving MDM to them in the schools on the basis of caste, creed, gender and religion, since the MDMS guidelines also stipulate that the community members, teachers and authorities of the Department must ensure that children must eat MDM together in an orderly manner **strictly on Roll No basis** in a spirit of camaraderie in the schools. However, if any Government official/ public is indulged & found in such kind of act, the matter will be viewed seriously and stern disciplinary action will be initiated against the erring Government officials/ persons as warranted under the law.

These instructions may be issued to all schools for necessary compliance and send monthly report to this Directorate accordingly in time. It is also directed that Toll free number 1800-180-8007 installed in the Directorate may be publicized by displaying it in the school premises at a visible place so that anyone can register complaint/suggestions in r/o MDMS. You are also directed to make ensure ~~to~~ give wide publicity among School Mangement Committees and general public as well , so that the people and stakeholders are aware in this regard and any aggrieved person can intimate his grievances on **Toll-free number 1800-180-8007** in the Directorate of Elementary Education from **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** on any working day . However, this Toll free number can also be displayed & printed in all school premises.

This may be treated as most urgent and personal attention be given in the matter please.

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Endst.No. Even Dated Shimla-171001 the August , 2018

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2. Shri. G.Vijay Bhaskar Director (MDM) Government of India, MHRD, Department of School Education and Literacy Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi -110115.
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