

Urgent
Time Bound

No. EDN-H(EE)(6)4-11/2021-22 Instructions
Directorate of Elementary Education.
Himachal Pradesh
Dated; Shimla-171001 the July, 2021

To

- 1) All the Deputy Directors (Elementary Education)
Himachal Pradesh.
- 2) All the Deputy Directors (Higher Education)
Himachal Pradesh.

प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा निदेशालय (डी.ई.)

09 JUL 2021

शिमला-1

Subject: - National Programme of Mid Day Meal in schools (Mid Day Meal Scheme).

Sir/Madam,

The Government of India, Ministry of Education New Delhi vide their D.O. No. 15/2021-Desk (MDM) dated 28th June, 2021 has apprised that the National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools popularly known as the Mid Day Meal Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes which is also covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). The primary objective of the scheme is to improve the nutritional status of children studying in classes I - VIII in eligible schools. Ministry of Education releases central assistance to the States and UTs as per the approved funding pattern for providing hot cooked mid-day meals on all working days to all children studying in elementary classes (I-VIII) in all Government and Government aided schools etc.

2. Children who regularly come to school receive cooked Mid-day Meal in normal school days, through this meal, one of the meals of the day and Recommended Dietary Allowance of children is secured as per the National Food Security Act (NFSA). During the closure of schools due to COVID-19, the provision of cooked Mid-Day Meal was not feasible therefore, considering the prevailing circumstances and also as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, Hon'ble Education Minister, Government of India approved the provision of FSA comprising of food grains and pulses or pulses (equivalent to cooking cost) to all eligible children in lieu of hot cooked mid-day meal.

3. It is an incontrovertible fact that Mid Day Meal exerts a positive influence on school enrolment and attendance in schools. Therefore, the provision of a healthy nutritious hot cooked Mid Day Meal is of utmost importance. A nutritionally balanced Mid Day Meal contains prescribed calories, proteins and other nutrients, when prepared with prescribed quantities of food items as per MDM Guidelines. Provisions have been made under the MDM Guidelines 2006, for awareness generation of the parents and other community members to know about the rights of their children w.r.t. Mid Day Meal.

4. Para no. 6.3 MDM Guidelines envisages the "**Display of Information under Right to Information Act**". The following information should be displayed on a weekly/monthly basis as required under the Right to Information Act.

- I. Quantity of food grains received, date of receipt.
- II. Quantity of food grains utilized.
- III. Other ingredients purchased, utilized
- iv. Number of children given mid-day meal / FSA.
- v. Daily Menu
- vi. Roster of Community Members involved in the programme. In addition to above, the States and UTs shall also develop dedicated mechanism for public grievance redressal which should be widely publicized and made easily accessible (like toll free call facilities etc.).


5. You may also be aware about the food and nutrition entitlements of each eligible child under Mid Day Meal Scheme. The same are reproduced below for reiteration:

S. N.	Items	Primary	Upper Primary
A. Nutrition norm per child per day			
1.	Calorie	450	700
2.	Protein	12 gms	20 gms
B. Food norms per child per day			
1.	Food grains	100 gms	150 gms
2.	Pulses	20 gms	30 gms
3.	Vegetables (leafy also)	50 gms	75 gms
4.	Oil & fat	5 gms	7.5 gms
5.	Salt & condiments	As per need	As per need

6. You would agree that awareness of one's rights under any scheme not only empowers beneficiaries but also ensures better service delivery. This aspect has been highlighted in school audits conducted in various States and also in the reports of various Joint Review Missions.

7. Therefore, in supersession of all previous instructions you are requested to circulate abovesaid nutrition norms per child per day to the concerned block and school authorities to **ensure display of above information in every school at a prominently visible place for information all.** You are further requested to circulate the above information using creative designs, short video posters etc through various social media channels for the awareness of all the stakeholders. It shall be appreciated if a status note on compliance of these instructions latest by **15th July, 2021.** An extra effort on your part will go a long way to ensure that every child receives her / his entitlement nutrition under Mid Day Meal Scheme.

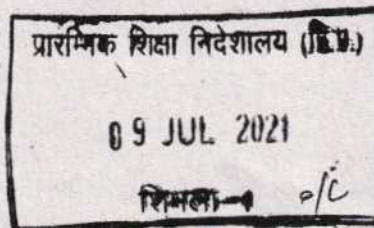
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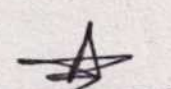

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Endst. No Even Dated Shimla -171001 the July 2021
Copy to:

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001 information please.
2. The Director (Higher Education) Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001 with the request to similar instructions to all the DDHE's, Principals GSSS's & Head Master's GHS's for similar necessary action in the matter under intimation to this office please.
3. Guard file.




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No. EDN-H(EE)(6)4-23/2020-21- Misc. MDM
Directorate of Elementary Education.
Himachal Pradesh.

Dated Shimla-171001

July, 2021

To

1. All the Deputy Directors, (Elementary Education), Himachal Pradesh
2. All the Deputy Directors, (Higher Education), Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: - Clarification in respect of Part Time MDM Workers engaged under MDM Scheme in schools for being chosen and for being an office bearer of a Panchayat.

Sir/Madam,

It is stated that the matter for seeking clarification in respect of Part time MDM Workers engaged under MDM Scheme in schools for being chosen and for being office bearer of a Panchayat was taken up with the Department of Panchayati Raj through State Election Commission.

In this context the Department of Panchayati Raj vide their letter No. PCH-HA(1)10/2020- clarification-41504 dated 21st June, 2021 has issued necessary clarification in the instant matter (copy enclosed). You are therefore, requested to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly at the earliest, and send the district wise action taken report (ATR) to this office accordingly.

Encl. As above

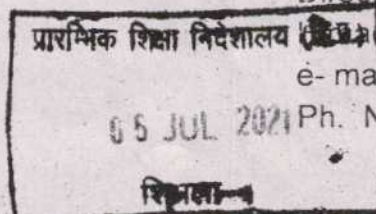
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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, State Election Commission, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002.
2. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171002.
3. The Director, Panchayati Raj, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171009 w.r.t. his letter referred to above for information.
4. All the Block Elementary Education offices (BEED'S) for information & further necessary action in the matter.
5. Guard file.

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No: PCH-HA(1)10/2020-Clarification
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Panchayati Raj

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To

The Secretary
State Election Commission
Himachal Pradesh.

Shimla-171009,

Dated 21 June, 2021

Sub: Clarification in respect of part time MDM Workers engaged under MDM Scheme in school for being chosen and for being an office bearer of a Panchayat.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your office letter dated 11.06.2021 on the above cited subject. In this context, I would like to inform you that advice of Law deptt. in the past has been sought on the similar matter whether the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institution can be appointed as Cook-cum-Helper under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in the Schools of State Government or otherwise.

Law Deptt. has opined that elected representatives of PRIs cannot be offered appointment as Cook-cum-Helper through School Management Committee under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme as the provisions of the HP Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 disqualify him/her for being a representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

The Mid-Day- Meal Scheme offers appointment to the incumbants on contract/part time basis but not on seasonal or casual basis which has been categorically pointed out in the explanation part of the Section 122(g) of the Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. Hence, Cook-cum-Helper under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme are covered under the provisions of Section 122(g) of the Panchayati Raj Act. 1994.

You are therefore, requested to inform O/o Director, Elementary Education, H.P. accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(Kewal Sharma)
Additional Director,
Panchayati Raj Department
Himachal Pradesh

No: PCH-HA(1)10/2020-Clarification

41505

Shimla-171009,

Dated 21/06/2021

Copy to: 1/ The Director, Elementary Education, HP w.r.t letter dated 20.04.2021 for information and necessary action please.

MDM

Additional Director,
Panchayati Raj Department
Himachal Pradesh

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