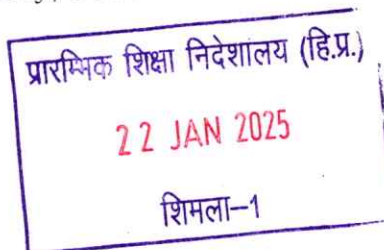


Most Urgent
Top Priority
Personal Attention

NO EDN-H-(Ele.)(6)-4-24/2019-20- (MDM)
Directorate of Elementary Education
Himachal Pradesh.
Dated Shimla-171001 the January, 2025

To

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



Subject: - Setting up of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) in all Schools in the State.

Sir,

Your kind attention is drawn towards this office letter of even No: dated 20.06.2019 followed with various reminders last being dated 09.12.2024 on the subject cited above.

2. In this context, detailed guidelines have been circulated to you for further circulation to all Blocks & schools for setting up of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) in all school premises both in rural and urban areas irrespective of availability of land.

3. As you are aware that setting up of School Nutrition (kitchen) Gardens may achieve the goal of learning a lifelong skill which is of critical importance in the arena of rapid urbanization and environmental issues which shapes the behavioral pattern of the students. It is just one step in right direction for school students to engage and participate meaningfully in the activities so as to inculcate the habit of growing own vegetables and fruits in the schools and in their homes.

4. Further, necessary steps may also be taken on priority to encourage the involvement of Local Communities & SMCs for setting up of School Nutrition (kitchen) Gardens in all schools in the State.

5. School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) may be setup in all schools and vegetables/plants/fruits may also be grown in small containers, cans, jars, discarded earthen pots, wooden poti, ceramic sinks, food tins, and atta bags etc where land is not available. Large piece of land is not required for growing vegetables. Even roof tops of schools can be used for growing vegetables/ fruits in containers. Moreover, various nutritional vegetables, plants & fruits may also be grown in the pots purchased under ECO Club funds in schools under Samagra Shiksha.

6. For this purpose, schools have to make efforts to grow local vegetables like spinach (पालक), coriander (हरा धनिया), mint (पुदिना), turnip (शलगम), raddish (मूली), beetroot (बुकन्दर), drumstick (moringa leaves) (सहजन) and fruits etc in these School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs), so that the green and fresh local vegetables and fruits of these School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) could be used in the mid day meal under PM Poshan (MDM) Scheme to provide the nutritious food to the students.

In view of the above, you are once again requested to expedite the matter with all field functionaries & schools for setting up of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) with active involvement of Local Communities/SMC's as well as with the involvement of school students as an co-curricular activity to them once in a week preferable on school bag free day. Besides, the services of Multi Task Workers & Cook cum Helpers may also be utilised for the said purpose in respective schools in the State

The Guidelines issued by the Government of India for setting up of School Nutrition (kitchen) Gardens in schools are available on Department website link <https://himachal.nic.in/index1.php?lang=1&dptid=16&level=2&sublinkid=14191&lid=1535> which may be downloaded for further circulation to all schools of your respective Districts & Blocks.

This may be treated as most urgent & be given personal attention & top priority in the matter please.

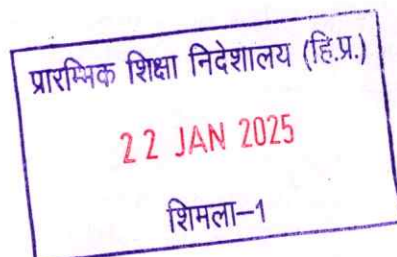
Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above

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Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001

Endst. No. Even the Dated Shimla-171001 the January, 2025
Copy to :-

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002 for information please.
2. The Director (Higher Education) Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171001 with the request to issue similar instructions to all DDHEs, BPOs, Principals GSSSs & Headmasters GHSs under information to this office please.
3. Incharge IT Cell (Internal) with the request to upload the aforesaid instructions on Department website please.
4. Guard file.



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