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Directorate of Elementary Education
Himachal Pradesh

Dated Shimla-171001 January, 2025

Most Urgent
Top Priority
Personal Attention

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 :- To ensure hygiene, safety, quality and cleanliness while preparing & serving hot cooked mid day meal to the eligible students in all schools in the State.

Sir,

It is to inform you that as per instruction of the Government, random hot cooked mid day meal samples under PM Poshan (Mid Day Meal) Scheme were taken from 10 schools each from District Una, Hamirpur & Kangra during the month of September, 2024 and get tested from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABCL) Punjab Biotechnology Incubator, Mohali. According to the test reports of the abovesaid laboratory e-coli have been shown present in 6 samples of District Una, 6 samples of District Hamirpur & 4 samples of District Kangra.

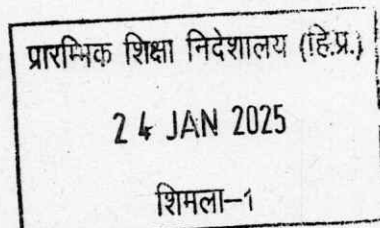
In this context, as you are already aware that this office issues necessary instructions from time to time to all field functionaries to ensure hygiene, safety, quality & cleanliness while preparing & serving hot cooked mid day meal to the eligible students under PM Poshan (Mid Day Meal) Scheme in all schools in the State. You may agree that preparing & serving hot cooked mid day meal to students in schools is a very sensitive matter therefore the hygiene, safety, quality as well as cleanliness issues must be the top most priority while preparing & serving mid day meal to the eligible students in all schools in the State.

In view of the above, you are therefore directed to immediately take following steps in the instant matter and also inspect & monitor the same from time to time in all schools, so that the happening of any untoward incidents could be avoided in this regard.

1. To ensure health checkups of all Cook-cum-Helpers twice in a year.
2. To ensure proper hygiene & cleanliness of all Cook-cum-Helpers.
3. To ensure the checking & testing of water supply in all schools from authorised agencies of Jal Shakti Vibhag at local level from time to time.
4. To ensure the sanitization & cleanliness of Kitchen-cum-stores, utensils & food grains containers as well as sanitization & cleanliness of meal serving area in the schools from time to time.
5. To ensure that Cook-cum-Helpers must wash their hands with soap from time to time while preparing & serving hot cooked mid day meal to the students in schools.
6. To ensure cleaning of water tanks/tankies preferably once in a month & date of cleaning be mentioned there on from time to time.

7. To ensure that all cooked material are properly covered during preparation & before or serving the meal to the students.
8. To ensure the use of safe water for preparing mid day meal to the students in schools.
9. To ensure that all students must wash their hands before & after taking the meals as well as after using washrooms.
10. To ensure that all food materials i.e rice, vegetables, ingredients, pulses & fruits are properly cleaned in running water before serving to the students.
11. To ensure that no expiry date food material i.e Salt, edible oil & ingredients are used in mid day meal in schools.
12. To ensure that no rotten vegetables & fruits are served to the students.
13. To ensure that no outsiders, unauthorised persons as well as students are allowed in the kitchen-cum Stores.
14. To ensure that hot cooked mid day meal are tasted by the authorised SMC members/persons and mid day meal teacher Incharge as per government instructions before serving the meal to the students.

These instructions may be implemented in letter and spirit in all schools in the State please.



Yours Faithfully

Director Elementary Education
Himachal Pradesh Shimla - 171001

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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171002 for information please.
2. The Director (Higher Education) H.P Shimla-1 with the request to issue similar directions to all DDHE's, Block Project Officers Principals GSSS's and Head Masters GHS's H.P for information & implementation please.
3. The Resident Commissioner Pangi District Chamba H.P.
4. The Director (MDM) Government of India, Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. ADM/ADC/SDM Bharmour District Chamba H.P.
6. ADM/ADC/SDM Kaza District Lahaul & Spiti H.P.
7. Guard File.

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