

REMINDER-IX

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Directorate of Elementary Education

Himachal Pradesh.

Dated Shimla-171001 the November, 2024

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.

प्रारम्भिक शिक्षा निदेशालय (हि.प्र.)

05 NOV 2024

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Subject: - Development of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) in all schools under PM Poshan (Mid Day Meal) Scheme in the State.

Sir,

Your kind attention is drawn towards this office letter of even No: dated 20.06.2019 followed with seven reminder letters last being dated 23.08.2024 vide which detailed guidelines have been circulated to you regarding development of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) in all school premises both in rural and urban areas irrespective of availability of land under PM Poshan (Mid Day Meal) Scheme in the State. In this context, it is re-iterated that in pursuance of GOI, Ministry of Education guidelines, **School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) may be developed in all schools and vegetables/plants may also be grown in small containers, cans, jars, discarded earthen pots, wooden peti, 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.**

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, it is reiterated that the monsoon season of current year is in progress in the State you are therefore once again requested to expedite the matter with all field functionaries & schools for setting/ developing School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) with active 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 and SMCs may also be utilised for the said purpose in respective schools and accordingly send the latest status of number of school nutrition gardens developed so far in your respective Districts to this Directorate.

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

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: As above

Endst. No. Even the Dated Shimla-171001 the November, 2024

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 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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