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No. EDN-H (EE) (4)4-44/2017-18 MDM-Social Audit
Directorate of Elementary Education,
Himachal Pradesh

प्राथमिक शिक्षा विभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश ()

Dated. Shimla-171001 July, 2017

20 JUL 2017

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:- Conducting Social Audit of Mid Day Meal Scheme in the State.

Sir,

As you are already aware that the National Programme of Mid Day Meal in schools for elementary school children is the largest feeding programme in the world and it is also one of the flagship programme of Government of India, MHRD under which approximately 10.13 crore eligible elementary school children of almost 11.51 lakh schools are benefiting and about 25.53 lakh MDM workers are working under this Programme across the country. Accordingly, the MDM Programme is being implemented in 15,351 H.P. schools with the help of 23,441 MDM workers and 5,49,818 eligible elementary school children are benefiting on all school working days in the State. In this regard, it is apprised that the Secretary (SE&L), GOI during the course of PAB meeting of Mid Day Meal Scheme held on 02-02-2017 at New Delhi has raised his concern over the issue that social audit in respect of MDM Programme is not being conducted by the State Government since last 3-4 years and advised that the State Government should take immediate steps to conduct social audit of this Programme and the report of the social audit be shared with GOI, MHRD for further analysis from time to time.

In this context, it is further stated that the Mid Day Meal Programme Guidelines issued by the GOI, MHRD have included "Social Audit" as an integral part of the twelfth five year plan in order to monitor and evaluate the implementation, so as to identify and resolve the gaps in the implementation of this Programme. The social audit is a democratic process that ensured public accountability of agencies through a systemic demand of information by the community in response to the programmes that have already been implemented by the Government or other agencies for a particular area/community. However, social audit is not only an audit of expenditure or decision but also covers the issue of equity and equality in the programme implementation and in a social audit the people and the Government jointly monitor the Programme. It brings on board the perceptions and knowledge of the people involves them in the task of verification and also brings about much greater acceptability of the Government. The social audit is a process independent of the implementing agencies and at no point prior to, during or after the conduct of social audit shall there be interference by the administrative machinery at any level in the process.

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21/7/17

In view of the above, it is informed to you that the State Government vide its letter No. EDN-C-C(15)4/2017 dated 28-06-2017 has conveyed the approval of the Government for conducting social audit of Mid Day Meal Programme in Gram Sabha meetings of the respective Gram Panchayats on quarterly basis. Accordingly, it has been decided that since the Mid Day Meal Programme in schools is being implemented in the overall supervision of the School Management Committees in the State, therefore for the purpose of social audit of this Programme, the school management committee of the respective school will provide all the relevant record of the Mid Day Meal Programme i.e. physical and financial record of each month and place the same in the Gram Sabha meetings of respective Gram Panchayats on quarterly basis for conducting the social audit of the said Programme and the report of the social audit in respect of each school be shared with the concerned BEEOs, DDEEs, DDHEs and to this Directorate from time to time. In this regard, the copy of guidelines framed by the GOI MHRD New Delhi are being enclosed herewith for further circulation of the same to all the schools and the action taken report in this regard may be intimated to the undersigned accordingly.


DIRECTOR

Endst No. even dated Shimla-171001 July 2017

Copy to -

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-171002 with his letter referred to above for kind information please.
2. The Director Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Himachal Pradesh SDA complex Kasumpti Shimla-171009 with the request to issue necessary instructions to all the Gram Panchayats through respective District Panchayat Officers and BDO's to extend full co-operation, assistance and guidance for conducting social audit of MDM Programme in the Gram Sabha meetings of Gram Panchayats in respect of all schools on quarterly basis in the State as per the enclosed guidelines.
3. All the District panchayat officers in H.P. for similar necessary action in the matter please.
4. All the Block Development Officers (BDO's) in H.P. for similar necessary action in the matter please.
5. Guard file

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Dated:-

Copy is forwarded to:-

(1) All the Principals/Headmasters/Incharges of GSSS/GHS/GMS in Distt. Una for information and necessary action. It is further directed that copy of guidelines regarding Social Audit of Mid Day Meal Scheme framed by the GOI MHRD may be downloaded from the website of GOI MHRD New Delhi.

(2) All the BEEOs in Distt. Una (HP) for information and with the directions to circulate these instructions to all GPS under your control. It is further directed that copy of guidelines regarding Social Audit of Mid Day Meal Scheme framed by the GOI MHRD may be downloaded from the website of GOI MHRD New Delhi.


Dy. Director Elementary Education
Una, District Una (HP)