

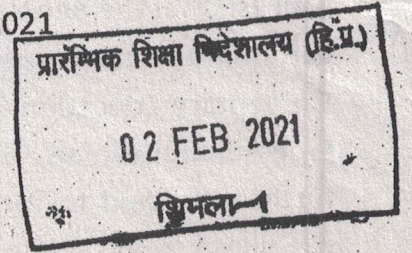
**Most Urgent**  
**PERSONAL ATTENTION**

No.EDN-H(EE)(4)4-19/2016-17 Caste Discrimination  
Directorate of Elementary Education,  
Himachal- Pradesh  
Dated: Shimla - 171001, the

February, 2021

To

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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: - No discrimination with school students on the basis of religion, caste, creed and gender in the schools under Mid day Meal Programme.**

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Directorate letter of even No. dated 07-01-2013 and followed with reminder letters dated 16-11-2015 , 16-12-2015, 26-2-2016 , 18-06-2016 13-10-2016, 16-12-2016,16-08-2017, 15-09-2017, 25-11-2017, 19-03-2018, 11-09-2018, 17-01-2019, 03-08-2019, 26-10-2019 last being dated 26-02-2020 vide which detailed instructions have been issued to you for discouraging any discrimination with the school students on the basis of religion, caste, creed and gender while serving mid day meal to them in schools under mid day meal programme as well as during sports tournaments of the students at Cluster, Block , District and State level in the State. In this context, it is once again reiterated that you may be aware that some incidents of discrimination with the school students on the basis of above said factors are reported from schools from time to time while serving mid day meal to the school students in schools in the State . In this regard, it is, therefore, once again emphasized that mid day meal programme must be used as a vehicle for inculcation for good habits , discipline and spirit of social equality among school students and there should not be any discrimination and segregation amongst school students while serving mid day meal to them in schools on the basis of caste, creed, gender and religion, since the mid day meal scheme guidelines also stipulate that the community members, teachers and authorities of the Department must ensure that children must eat MDM together in an orderly manner i.e **strictly on Roll No basis** in a spirit of camaraderie in the schools. However, if any Government official/ general public person & SMC official /member are indulged & found in such kind of acts, the matter will be viewed seriously and stern disciplinary action will be initiated against the erring Government officials/general public persons as warranted under the law. These instructions may be circulated to all schools for

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necessary compliance and send monthly report to this Directorate accordingly from time to time. It is further directed that Toll Free number 1800-180-8007 installed in the Directorate may be publicized by displaying it in the school premises at a visible place so that anyone can register complaint/ suggestions in r/o mid day meal scheme . You are also directed to make ensure to give wide publicity among School Management Committees and general public as well , so that the people and stakeholders are aware in this regard and any aggrieved person can intimate their grievances on **Toll-Free number 1800-180-8007** in the Directorate of Elementary Education from **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** on any working day . However, this Toll Free number can also be displayed & printed in all school premises. In this regard, you are further directed to furnish a certificate to the effect that these instructions have been circulated to all schools and are being implemented in all schools in letter & spirit during mid day meal .

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

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Endst.No. Even Dated Shimla-171001 the February, 2021

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1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171002 .
2. Shri. G.Vijay Bhaskar Director (MDM) Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi -110115.
3. The Director, Higher Education Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001 for information and further necessary action in the matter please.
4. Guard file.

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