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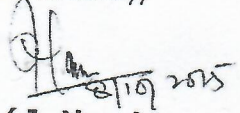
Dear *Colleague,*

The Mid Day Meal Rules, 2015 have been notified under the National Food Security Act, 2013 and the same are effective from the date of its publication i.e. 30th September, 2015. Enclosed herewith is a copy of these MDM Rules for your ready reference. I wish to draw your special attention to the following Rules.

2. Rule 7 provides for the role of SMCs in monitoring of the MDM Scheme. Further, the Rule provides that Headmaster or Headmistress of the school shall be empowered to utilize any fund in the school temporarily for the purpose of continuation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme in the school.
3. Rule 8 emphasizes on the quality of food to ensure that the meal meets the nutritional standards and quality prescribed by the MDM Rules. The Food and Drug Administration Department of the State may collect samples from randomly selected schools to ensure adherence to quality.
4. Rule 9 is about food security allowance to be paid by the State Government, if MDM is not provided in any school for three consecutive days or five days in a month. The State Government shall take action to fix responsibility on the person or agency in accordance with the procedure laid down.
5. These Statutory Rules will need to be disseminated and enforced in all eligible schools. Several of these rules would also be required to be backed by further detailed operational instructions. I shall request you to kindly take necessary action to operationalize these rules and lay down a set of instructions for their effective implementation in all the schools so as to ensure adherence to the changed norms for serving quality meals to children covered under Mid Day Meal Scheme.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(J. Alam)

Encls.: as above.

State Education Secretaries of all States/UTs
and Secretaries of Departments implementing MDM in schools
(As per list enclosed)



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