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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**  
**MDM Division**  
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Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2012

**Subject: Meeting of the National Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (NSMC) to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. under the Chairpersonship of Secretary(SE&L).**

The undersigned is directed to invite reference to this Department's letter of even no. dated 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2012 regarding meeting of the National Steering--cum-Monitoring Committee of the MDM scheme to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room, No. 112-C wing, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi under the Chairpersonship of Secretary(SE&L).

2. A copy of the draft **Agenda Note** for the above meeting is forwarded herewith.
3. You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the said meeting.

  
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## AGENDA NOTE

### 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of

### National Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (NSMC)

at 3:00 p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012  
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi



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**Item No. 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of National Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (NSMC) held on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2011**

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NSMC was circulated to all the members vide letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2011. No response received from any hon'ble member of the Committee till date.

Decision required: Confirmation of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NSMC

**Item No. 2: Action taken report on decision made in the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of NSMC**

Item No.	Decision of the committee	Action taken
1.	Linkage of cooking cost to MDM Price Index	The matter was referred to the Sub-Group on MDMS for 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan. The Working Group on Elementary Education for 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan recommended for linkage of cooking cost to MDM Price Index to mitigate the effect of inflation on the items of MDM basket.
2.	Coverage of Pre-Primary Children under MDMS	The Working Group on Elementary Education for 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan has recommended for coverage of pre-primary children under Mid Day Meal Scheme.
3.	Approval of additional requirement of funds for kitchen-cum-stores sanctioned during 2006-07 to 2008-09	It has been decided that no additional funds would be provided to States /UTs for old kitchen-cum-stores sanctioned at a flat rate of Rs. 60,000 per unit and State has to bear additional burden, if any from State resources.
4.	Enhancement of norm for children of National Child Labour Project (NCLP) from primary to upper primary	Action completed and the norms for NCLP schools has been revised and made at par with the upper primary.
5.	Training of middle level supervisory officers	Action completed and Bureau has conducted zone wise training workshop on MDMS to orient the officials at State / district levels.
6.	School Health Programme (SHP)	Joint Secretary(E.E.I) has written letters to States / UTs for effective implementation of SHP in collaboration with the State Health Department. During field visits made by the Government officials this matter is also pursued

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		with the concerned department of the States.
7.	Status of State Level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee meetings	This Department has requested all the States and UTs to hold the SSMC at least once in a quarter and representative of MHRD and monitoring Institute may be invited to attend the meeting and share their views. It has been observed that the frequency of the SSMC has been increased considerably.
8.	Development of web enabled MIS with integration of Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS):	The web portal has been launched and States / UTs have started feeding the data into the portal. The annual data entry has been completed for 2.5 lakh schools approximately. The final Request For Proposal (RFP) for empanelment of Service Providers for IVRS has been prepared after incorporation of suggestions of Department of Electronics and Information Technology and is with Integrated Finance Division of Ministry of HRD for its concurrence.

Decision required: For information only

**Item No. 3: Enhancement of existing rate of MME from 2% to 3%**

At present, Central assistance in respect of MME in States / UTs is given at the rate of 2% of total recurring Central assistance viz. (a) cost of food grains, (b) transport cost (c) cooking cost and (d) honorarium to cook-cum-helpers. This is shared between the Centre and the States / UTs in the ratio of 10:90 i.e. 1.8% is given to the States / UTs and 0.2% is utilized by the Centre for the purpose of Management, Monitoring and Evaluation of the Scheme. Components on which the Central assistance for MME can be utilized is stated in the MME Guidelines issued vide No. F 1-15/2009-Desk(MDM) dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2010.

It is now proposed that Central assistance for MME component under MDM scheme may be enhanced, in general, for all States / UTs from the existing rate of 2% to 3% of total recurring central assistance i.e. i). Cost of foodgrains, ii). Cooking cost iii). Transportation Assistance iv) Honorarium to Cook cum helpers. The amount will be shared by the Central Govt. and States/UTs in the existing ratio of 10:90. However, for NER States and smaller States / UTs viz. A&N Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Haryana, Punjab and Goa, it will be

given @ Rs. 30 lakh per district per annum or 3% of total recurring central assistance - whichever is higher. The Centre and States / UTs may continue to divide the assistance under MME component in the ratio of 10:90. This proposal is based on the pattern of management cost under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

In order to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation mechanism, Governments of Rajasthan, Jharkhand, A&N Islands and Uttar Pradesh have submitted a proposal to enhance the Central Assistance under this component as the existing rate of MME is found to be inadequate. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is also monitoring and evaluating the Scheme through web enabled Management Information System (MIS) with Integration of Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) on real time basis. The Central Government has also launched web enabled MIS system for monitoring of the Scheme. The orientation meetings with district officials of all the States / UTs have been completed and States / UTs have started making data entry into the portal. The MIS would be integrated with IVRS by December, 2012 to capture the information directly from the school without any human intervention, which will help to monitor the Scheme on real time basis, for which more funds are required under MME component. It is pertinent to mention here that under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, MMER (Management, Monitoring, Evaluation and Research) assistance is given @ 2.2% of the total outlay out of which 1.5% is released to States/UTs and 0.7% is utilized at national level. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, management cost is given at 6% of the approved outlay. For NER States and smaller States / UTs like A&N Islands, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Goa etc., Rs. 40 lakh per district per annum or 6% of the approved outlay - whichever is higher - is being provided against management cost under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. Under SSA for Research, Evaluation and Monitoring purposes, Rs. 2,000/- per school is allocated, out of which Rs. 1,600/- and Rs. 400/- are utilized at State and national level respectively.

The MME component is the most essential component of the MDM Scheme. It not only helps in the effective implementation of the Scheme through better monitoring & management thereby ensuring regular quality meals for the **millions of children, the ultimate beneficiaries who constitute the future generation of the nation. Enhancement of this component would therefore ultimately lead to a brighter future of the nation. Hence, it is proposed to revise the component from existing 2% to 3% on the lines adopted by a similar welfare Scheme (SSA) of the Department of School Education & Literacy, for the school children.**

Decision required: Enhancement of MME rate from 2% to 3% and Rs. 30 lakh per district or 3% whichever is higher for smaller States / UTs

<b>Item No. 4: Repair and maintenance of Kitchen-cum-Store</b>
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In the year 2006-07, Central Assistance towards construction of kitchen-cum-store @ **Rs. 60,000/-** per unit to the States / UTs was introduced under Mid Day Meal Scheme. The cost of kitchen-cum-store was fully borne by Government of India.

The norm for the cost of construction of kitchen-cum-store was revised w.e.f. 01.12.2009. The cost of construction is now determined on the basis of State Schedule of Rates (SOR) and the plinth area norms prescribed by Govt. of India for the kitchen-

cum-store sanctioned after revision of the Scheme. The revised norm for kitchen-cum-store is not applicable to those kitchen-cum-stores which were sanctioned prior to revision of the Scheme from 01.12.2009. The cost of construction of kitchen-cum-store is now shared between Centre and NER States in the ratio of 90:10 and for other States in the ratio of 75:25.

After revision of costs, 1,03,555 kitchen-cum-stores were sanctioned during 2009-10, 28,897 in 2010-11 and 88,401 in 2011-12.

As per MDM guidelines 2006, there is no provision to provide central assistance to States/UTs for repair and maintenance work for kitchen-cum-store. This issue was discussed in PAB-MDM meetings and PAB directed that the approval of Executive Committee may be obtained to provide central assistance to the States / UTs for repair and maintenance for old kitchen-cum- stores sanctioned prior to 2006-07. Keeping in view the labour cost and escalation in the prices of the building materials, it would be appropriate to provide Rs. 15,000 per unit on sharing basis between Centre and States/UTs as per the existing ratio. The repair and maintenance work would be done at State Schedule Rates through a Government approved agency.

Decision required: Approval for providing the grant of Rs. 15,000/- per kitchen-cum-store for maintenance and repair, wherever required.

#### **Item No. 5: Enhancement of kitchen devices grant on sharing basis**

It has been observed that there has been a remarkable increase in the cost of consumer items including the kitchen devices. This inflation rate cannot be ignored and procurement of quality kitchen devices by the schools now at the old rate of Rs. 5,000 is almost impossible.

In view of the above reasons and based on the persistent demands from the States / UTs, for revision of the procurement cost of kitchen devices is reported to be inadequate, it is proposed to be revise it from Rs. 5,000/- per school to Rs. 15,000/- per school. With a view to involve the State Government in financial implications of the revised norm, it is also proposed to share the cost of kitchen devices between the Centre and the NER States in the ratio of 90:10 and for other States / UTs in the ratio of 75:25.

Decision required: Approval for enhancement of Central assistance for kitchen devices from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 15000 on sharing basis.

#### **Item No. 6: Replacement of kitchen devices after every 5 years**

In the year 2006-07, Central Assistance towards procurement of kitchen devices @ Rs. 5,000/- per unit to the States / UTs was introduced under Mid Day Meal Scheme. It was decided to saturate the schools with kitchen devices in a phased manner over a period of time. Under the existing norms the cost of kitchen devices is fully borne by

Government of India. Many States / UTs are persistently demanding replacement of kitchen devices as they are not usable due to normal wear and tear.

The Programme Approval Board 2012-13 for Mid Day Meal Scheme has approved for providing Central assistance for replacement of kitchen devices.

It is proposed to provide Central assistance for replacement of kitchen devices sanctioned during 2006-07 and thereafter after every 5 years from the date of their original sanction / procurement to all the eligible schools of the States / UTs.

Decision required: Replacement of kitchen devices after every 5 years.

<b>Item No. 7: Model kitchen-cum-training centre</b>
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The Working Group on Elementary Education for 12<sup>th</sup> Plan has recommended setting up of area specific two model kitchen-cum-training centres in each State for imparting training to officials / stakeholders of MDMS. The Working Group has also recommended to set up at least 500 model kitchen-cum-training centres in the country during 12<sup>th</sup> plan. It will be relevant to mention that there is no budget provision in 2012-13 for model kitchen-cum-training centres. However, the savings under the Scheme may be utilized for providing financial grants to the States for setting up of the model kitchen-cum-training centres in the poor performing districts across the country in first phase.

Decision required: Approval to utilize the savings under the Scheme for the above said purpose

<b>Item No. 8: Coverage of children of special training centre under Mid Day Meal Scheme</b>
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At present the Mid Day Meal Scheme covers children studying in classes I-VIII in all Government, Government aided, Local Body and National Child Labour Project Schools, Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and Alternative and Innovative Education (AIE) centres including Madarsas and Maqtabas supported under SSA.

As per the policy of the government on EGS and AIE centres will be closed and where required the children will be enrolled in special training centres to equip them to join the age appropriate class. It is proposed that mid day meal may be made available to all the special training centres. The Programme Approval Board for Mid Day Meal Scheme has approved to serve mid day meal to children of special training centres.

Decision required: For information only.



**Item No. 9: Enhancement of Transportation Assistance for other than special category States**

The transportation rate for the 11 special category States have been revised and made at par with the PDS rate prevalent in these States. The revised rate is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009. The maximum transportation rate is Rs. 397 per quintal in Mizoram.

The Government of Maharashtra is making payment of transportation assistance to lifting agency @ Rs. 125 per quintal. The additional amount is being borne by the State Government. Many States viz. Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh etc. have been persistently demanding for enhancement of transportation rate. It will be relevant to mention that due to hike in the prices of the diesel and petrol, many States are facing problem to transport the foodgrains from FCI depot to school.

The proposal is to enhance the transportation rate and to be made at par with PDS rate or at least Rs. 125 per quintal.

Decision required: Approval of the proposal.

**Item No. 10: Coverage of children admitted under Section 12 (1) (c) under RTE Act, 2009 in private schools.**

The RTE Act, 2009 mandates to register 25% children from disadvantaged section of the society in the neighbourhood private schools against the earmarked seats. The Planning Commission has also mentioned in its report that these children should not be deprived of the mid day meal.

Planning Commission also suggested that since a bulk of private schools are located in urban areas, it is possible to provide lunch packets through centralized cooking / NGOs / endowments and food packets delivered at school reception.

The hot cooked meal may be provided to the children admitted in the schools under 25 per cent quota through school based cooking / centralized kitchens / NGOs as per existing guidelines of the Mid Day Meal Scheme. It is relevant to mention that centralized kitchen / NGOs / Trust are allowed to be engaged for those schools where there is no space for construction of kitchen-cum-stores in the schools.

Decision required: Approval for coverage of 25% children in neighbourhood private schools under MDMS as per the existing guidelines.

**Item No. 11: Review of the performance of the Scheme during 2011-12**

The presentation on salient features of the Scheme on performance during 2011-12 has been prepared and is given at **Annexure-I**

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