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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 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2012

**Subject: Meeting of the National Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (NSMC) to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. under the Chairpersonship of Secretary(SE&L).**

The undersigned is directed to invite reference to this Department's letters of even no. dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012 and 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 on the above subject and to forward herewith a copy of the **Agenda Note** (Annexure-I of agenda item no. 4 and Annexure-II of agenda item no. 6 will be sent separately) for the above meeting.

2. You are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the said meeting.

  
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- ii) Principal Advisor / Advisor, Planning Commission
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- vi) Secretaries of the following Department with a request to nominate a representative not below the rank of Joint Secretaries:
  - a) Health & Family Welfare
  - b) Food & Public Distribution
  - c) Women & Child Development
  - d) Rural Development
  - e) Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation
  - f) Youth Affairs & Sports
- vii) Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
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- ix) Shri K. Ashok Rao, General Secretary, Swami Sivananda Memorarial Institute, J-152, Saket, New Delhi – 110 017.
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- xviii) Smt. Asia Begum, Headmistress, Uswathaun Hasana Oriental, Arabic Primary School, Pallapatti, District-Karur, Tamil Nadu
- xix) Shri Satya Prakash Sharma, Assistant Teacher, Govt. Middle School, Vikashkhand, Kanker, District - Uttar Bastar Kanker, Chhattisgarh.

**Copy to:**

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary( SE&L)
2. PPS to AS(EE.I)
3. Economic Advisor, MHRD with request to kindly attend the meeting.
4. JS(RC) / Dir(SSP) / DS(BDS)
5. US(VKA) / US(VJ)
6. Chief Consultants / All Consultants in NSG, MDM
7. Project Manager (MDM), NSG, Ed.CIL with request to make necessary stay arrangements and payment of TA / DA to non-official members.
8. CMIS Section
9. Security Officer, Main Gate, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
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## **AGENDA NOTE**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (NSMC)**

**at 11:30 a.m. on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2012  
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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 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

The minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NSMC was circulated to all the members vide letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2012. No response received from any hon'ble member of the Committee till date.

Decision required: Confirmation of the minutes of the 5<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.	Enhancement of existing rate of MME rate from 2% to 3%	As per the recommendation of the NSMC, this matter was placed before Executive Committee of SSA and MDM. The Executive Committee recommended that for revision of the rate of MME from 2% to 3%, approval of the competent authority should be taken as per financial delegation. EC approved that for smaller States / UTs viz. Goa, Chandigarh, D&N Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry for Management, Monitoring & Evaluation be given @ Rs. 30 lakh per district from the funds available at National level under MME component (0.2%). Accordingly, concerned States / UTs have been informed with request to submit the proposal to MHRD.
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 studying in schools located in the premises of primary and upper primary schools, under MDMS. Approval of the competent authority would be taken at the time of revision of the Scheme for the 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan through EFC and CCEA note.
3.	Repair and maintenance of kitchen-cum-stores	EC agreed that the kitchen-cum-store is an integral part of the school and may be maintained from maintenance grant to the school given under SSA. Accordingly, instructions have been issued by the SSA Bureau.

Item No.	Decision of the committee	Action taken
4.	Enhancement of Kitchen Devices grant on sharing basis	The Committee recommended that the matter may be taken up as part of the Scheme's revision proposal. It will be taken at the time of revision of the Scheme for the 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan through EFC and CCEA note.
5.	Replacement of Kitchen Devices after every five years	EC in principle approved for replacement of kitchen devices sanctioned during 2006-07 and thereafter every 5 years from the date of original sanction / procurement to all the eligible schools of the States / UTs. As per the approval of the Executive Committee, instructions have been issued to States / UTs for submission of the proposal for providing Central Assistance of the replacement of kitchen devices. The Central assistance have been released to few States for replacement of the same. EC
6.	Model kitchen-cum-training centres	Shri K. Ashok Rao, General Secretary, SSMI had submitted the proposal and is being examined for taking the necessary approval before it is sent to the BHEL etc.
7.	Enhancement of transportation assistance for States other than special category States	As per the recommendation of the NSMC, the issue will be taken at the time of the revision of the Scheme for the 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan.
8.	Coverage of children admitted under Section 12(1)(c) under RTE Act, 2009 in private schools	As recommended by the NSMC, the modalities will be worked out at the time of revision of the Scheme for the 12 <sup>th</sup> Plan.
9.	Method of Analysis for testing of Mid-Day Meal	A committee comprising of members from reputed Institutes would be appropriate to be set up to look into the detail and suggest method for testing of the mid day meal.

Decision required: For information only

**Item No. 3: Reimbursement of additional funds on account of withdrawal of subsidy on LPG cylinders to the respective States / UTs**

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has withdrawn the supply of subsidized LPG cylinder to schools under MDMS. The Ministry of PNG suggested that the additional burden due to withdrawal of subsidy may be met from the budgetary support of the Scheme. The Ministry of HRD has requested Ministry of Finance to allow to utilize additional funds of Rs. 752 crore from the funds available for 2012-13 on sharing basis between Centre and State. The Ministry has also requested for Central share of additional fund of Rs. 1504 crore to be provided for the year 2013-14 as per the approved sharing pattern. The States / UTs have been requested to supply the meal to the children without affecting the nutrition. The additional expenditure incurred by the States / UTs due to withdrawal of the subsidy on LPG cylinders would be reimbursed to them after getting the approval from the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure.

Decision required: Reimbursement of additional funds incurred by the States / UTs on LPG cylinders.

**Item No. 4: Revision of Guidelines for MDMS**

The Mid Day Meal Scheme guideline was last revised in September, 2006. The Scheme revised in its content and coverage from time to time since then. In October 2007, the Scheme was extended to cover children of upper primary classes (i.e. class VI to VIII) studying in 3,479 Educationally Backwards Blocks (EBBs) and the name of the Scheme was changed from 'National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education' to 'National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools'. The nutritional norm for upper primary stage was fixed at 700 Calories and 20 grams of protein. The Scheme was extended to all areas across the country from 1.4.2008. Norms for cooking cost, payment of cost of foodgrains to FCI, transportation assistance and cost of construction of kitchen-cum-stores have been revised and the labour and administrative cost has been made a separate component under engagement of cook-cum-helpers. All the States / UTs were informed about the changes in the guidelines through letters.

A committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of AS(EE.I) for revision of the MDM Guidelines. The draft guidelines have been prepared after incorporating all the changes made during the period and is given at **Annexure-I**

Decision required: Approval of the Guidelines before it is circulated to all the States / UTs for compliance.

**Item No. 5: Revision of the Scheme for inclusion of the recommendations of the Working Group on Elementary Education for 12<sup>th</sup> Plan.**

The following recommendations made by Working Group for 12<sup>th</sup> Plan:

- i) Coverage of private unaided schools located in SC, ST and minority concentrated districts
- ii) Revision of norms for transportation assistance  
Revision of transportation assistance on the basis of prevalent PDS rates for other States / UTs on the lines of 11 special category States.
- iii) Revision of payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers
  - a) Rs. 1000 per month per cook-cum-helper for the year 2012-13
  - b) Rs. 1500 per month per cook-cum-helper for the year 2013-14 & 2014-15
  - c) Rs. 2000 per month per cook-cum-helper for the year 2015-16 & 2016-17
- iv) Revision of norms for Central assistance for kitchen devices.  
To revise from Rs. 5000 per school to Rs. 15000 per school on sharing basis instead of 100% Central assistance @ Rs. 5000 per school.
- v) Provision for Solar cooking for Mid Day Meal  
Solar cooking for 5 lakh schools with strength varying from 25 to 200 students.

The above recommendations would be incorporated in the Scheme after approval of the competent authority as per the laid down procedures of the Scheme.

Decision required: Approval for preparation of EFC note and CCEA note for revision of the Scheme to incorporate the above recommendations of the Working Group.

**Item No. 6: Review of the performance of the Scheme during 2012-13**

The presentation on salient features of the Scheme on performance during 2012-13 has been prepared and is given at **Annexure-II**

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