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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
Mid Day Meal Division

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
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Subject: Setting up of Empowered Committee for Mid Day Meal Scheme

The Government of India has decided to set up the Empowered Committee for Mid Day Meal Scheme under the Chairmanship of Minister of Human Resource Development with following Terms of Reference:

- i) Access, safety, hygiene and quality aspects in the implementation of the MDMS.
- ii) Mechanisms in place for ensuring convergence with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Food & Public Distribution, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj etc.
- iii) Governance mechanisms in place and their effectiveness in the implementation of MDMS.
- iv) Review mechanisms in place to ensure effective monitoring and evaluation of the scheme.
- v) Mechanisms in place for community participation in the Scheme and its effective monitoring.

2. The Empowered Committee will consist of following members:

- i) MoS dealing with Elementary Education
- ii) Education Minister, Andhra Pradesh
- iii) Education Minister, Bihar
- iv) Education Minister, Rajasthan
- v) Education Minister, Meghalaya
- vi) Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
- vii) Director, Nutrition Foundation of India, New Delhi
- viii) Representative of Swami Sivananda Memorial Institute, New Delhi

- ix) Representative of UNICEF (Ms. Urmila Sarkar, Chief, Education)
- x) Shri N.C. Saxena, Ex-Secretary, Planning Commission, Commissioner Food Security, Office of Supreme Court Commissioner
- xi) Prof. Shantha Sinha, Ex-Chairperson, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- xii) Ms. Tulasi Munda, Adivasi Vikas Samiti, Serenda, Odisha
- xiii) Shri Biraj Patanaik, Principal Advisor to Office of Supreme Court Commissioner on Food Security
- xiv) Shri Haleem Khan, Ex-Chairman, MP Madarsa Board, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- xv) Ms. Annie Namala, Centre for Inclusive, New Delhi
- xvi) Dr. Sheetal Amte, Baba Amte Foundation, Anand Van, Chandrapur, Maharashtra
- xvii) Representative of Akshay Patra Foundation, Bangalore
- xviii) Representative of NAIK Foundation, Bhiwandi Road, Thane
- xix) Representative of Naandi Foundation, Hyderabad
- xx) Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD
- xxi) Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development
- xxii) Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- xxiii) Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- xxiv) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
- xxv) Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- xxvi) Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- xxvii) Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- xxviii) Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs
- xxix) Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- xxx) Chief Executive Director, Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- xxxi) Additional Secretary(EE.I), Department of School Education & Literacy – Member Secretary

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3. The Committee shall have the power to constitute Sub-Committee(s) on specific subject(s). The Empowered Committee shall meet at least once in three months. The Committee shall co-opt any expert as special invitee as may be deemed necessary.
4. The secretariat support to the Committee will be provided by the Elementary Education Bureau-I of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD.
5. The non-official members of the Committee will be paid TA/DA as per GOI's norms.
6. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Department, Government of India.


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2. All Education Secretaries of the States / UTs
3. All Directors of the States / UTs
4. All Bureau Heads in the Department of School Education & Literacy
5. All Divisional Heads in EE.I Bureau / All Sections

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