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Bihar Rajya Madhyahan Bhojan Yojana Samiti

From

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To,

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Patna, Dated.....18/4/19

Sub:- Action taken report in the light of the recommendations made by 11th JRM.

Ref:- your DO NO 13-9/2018- MDM 2-1 dated 18.02.2019

Sir,

The 11th joint review mission visited Bihar from 12th to 19th December 2018 to review the implementation of Mid Day Meal scheme (MDMS) in the state and to the nutritional status of the beneficiaries in two Districts such as Muzaffarpur and Gaya. The JRM observed the implementation of the MDMS in the above said two districts and made some recommendations. The recommendations of JRM and action taken by the Directorate of the Mid Day Meal scheme are as follows :

Recommendations of the 5 th JRM	Action taken by the Directorate of the Mid Day Meal scheme
1. 1452 children were randomly selected for height and weight measurement for nutritional assessment. About 19% children were found to be undernourished.	1. State is providing additional one day egg/fruit and two days seasonal fruits in a week for the removal of malnutrition in children Under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme.
2. Interruption in MDM in few schools in Gaya due to the non-availability of food grain.	2. Due to lack of availability of FAQ rice in FCI godown in November and December in 2018 some school in Gaya district refused to take non FAQ rice. Now the problem of foodgrains has been resolved.
3. Mid Day Meal Rules under NFSA, 2013 are yet to be operationalised.	3. The National Food Security Act 2013 in the state has been implemented from February 2019 vide notification no 338 dated 15.02.2019.

4. Less coverage (53%) against enrolment on the basis of the attendance for the last ten day of JRM visit.	4. Most of the children in Bihar come from rural area and major agriculture work is done in December. Some children along with their parents have involvement in agricultural work. This is the main reason of poor attendance of children in December.
5. Cash book not updated in 80% of the visited schools and cash in hand kept by schools is more than the weekly or fortnightly requirement of funds.	5. Due to excessive work in schools, the school principal / incharge principal visit bank once in a month for updation of passbook , due to not supported by the bank official such as link failure, printer not working timely , Updation of cash book register is not made in the school by HM in time .
6. Food grain supply chain management needs streamlining for timely availability of food grains in schools. Kitchen-cum-Helpers, Parents etc. do not know about the food norms.	6. Monthly District level meeting of all officers and staff of Mid Day Meal, Education department and Supply department is held under chairmanship of District Magistrate to minimize the supply of food grain interruption in mid day meal scheme . Training on regular basis i.e. at least once in every financial year is imparted to Cooks cum helpers, member of VSS and Head masters to prepare MDM as per food norms and provide healthy & hygiene food with safety.
7. About 559 hand pumps in the schools are non-functional. Absence of Contingency plan for untoward incident is noticed.	7. State/district official liasioning with Public works department level to make functional hand pump those are not working. Every step is being taken to avoid any untoward incident under MDM scheme
8. Visits of Medical Teams to schools are not regular. Health check up of the cook-cum-Helpers not carried out.	8. Health check up of children in school is done by National Rural Health Mission. In this regard, a request has been made to NRHM for regular health checkup of the cook-cum-Helpers .
9. Non-recording of the observations of teachers and parents in taste register.	9. Direction has been given to teacher and parent / VSS to write down their your observations in food tasting register before and after distributing mid day meal to the children .
10. Officials are not aware about the information to be entered through MDM-MIS.	10. In Bihar, state has own MIS system operational since 2011, Every month data of state MIS of Mid Day Meal Scheme ported to GOI, MDM-MIS in offline mode.
11. Entitlement of children under MDM was not displayed in any of	11. Direction has been given to all District Program Officers, Mid-Day Meal Scheme to paint on walls the prescribed standards of MDM at

the visited schools	important place of school.
12. No separate toilets are available for girls and boys in many schools. Where toilets are available, but were not in use (closed permanently) for want of running water through taps.	12. In order to ensure the construction of separate toilets for boys and girls in schools and for running water system, Bihar Education Project Council is co -coordinating in this direction.

Yours Faithfully


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