

**Administration of the
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Directorate of Education
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C I R C U L A R

The national news media on 16th July, 2013 reported the incident of food poisoning happened to the children of Primary School in Chapra, District of Bihar. Twenty three primary school children lost their lives and others fell seriously ill after taking mid-day meal.

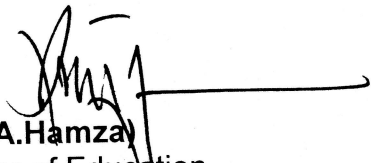
The Govt. declared that children died of "food poisoning and yellow phosphorous poisoning." "The children were admitted in the hospital with symptoms of poisoning such as fever, vomiting, abdominal pain and frothing at the mouth."

Four days after above incident, another incident of food poisoning was reported by the media on 21st July, 2013 in a school located at Bemetara district of Chhattisgarh and 30 to 35 children fell ill after consuming Mid Day Meal.

The Principals /Headmasters in islands are directed to ensure the good quality of food grains and ingredients supplied for preparation of MDM. The MDM teacher in-charge in schools to be directed to check the quality of food grains, expiry date on packed items etc while procuring items to MDM Kitchen and old stock of items or quality doubted items should not be procured under any condition.

The Principals/HMs should conduct daily inspection of Kitchen and preparation of Mid Day Meals to ensure the quality of the items used for cooking and hygiene condition of the kitchen/eating hall and its premises.

All are directed to acknowledge the compliance of the above instructions.


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Director of Education

To

The Principal, Govt. Senior Secondary School in island.

Copy to: 1. The CEO/SAO District Panchayat for kind information

2. The Secretary, Co-operative Societies in all islands for kind information.

3. The Editor, Lakshadweep Times for publicity the matter as news item.

4. The Chairman of Island Level Steering Cum Monitoring Committee of Mid Day Meal and Deputy Collector/Sub Divisional Officer in all islands with request to conduct at least 3 to 4 monthly inspection of MDM programme in their island.

5. PA to Secretary(Education) for kind information.