

**Administration of the
Union Territory of Lakshadweep
(Directorate of Education)
Kavaratti-682 555**

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C I R C U L A R

The Secretary, School Education & Literacy, Ministry of HRD, New Delhi held a Video Conferencing on 23.7.2013 to ensure quality, safety and hygiene under Mid Day Meal Programme. The Principal/Headmasters of all schools are directed to take immediate action on the following points.

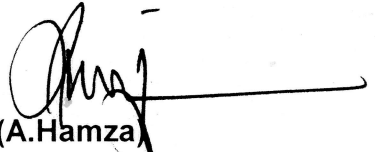
1. The weekly inspection of mid day meal implementations by island level officials to be carried out to ensure quality, safety and hygiene.
2. Daily tasting of the Mid Day Meal by a teacher and SMC member in every school before distribution of Mid Day Meal to children is mandatory. The Principal/HM in school should record name of the teacher and SMC member who have tasted the Mid Day Meal in a register every day.
3. Ensure food grains and ingredients are properly stored in kitchen cum stores, in storage bins, to avoid moisture and pest infestation. The storage bins should properly labelled for safe storage to avoid any contamination.
4. Procurement of quality Agmark pulses, edible oils and condiments for MDMS to ensure quality nutritional MDMS for the children. Similarly, only "double fortified salt" should be used for cooking mid day meals. The cooks to be directed to carry out cooking with the lid on to avoid loss of nutrients.
5. MDM logo should be placed on outside wall of the school at a prominent places for the awareness of children/parents and community members. The entitlements and other benefits of the scheme should be placed near the MDM hall and publicised through cable TV, local print media etc to know the stakeholders. . All the Principals/Headmasters are directed that MDM month to be organised on November 2013 to see the preparedness and availability of the food grains and fund at various levels.

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6. The Principal/HM are directed to display contact number of Medical Officer, DC/SDO, PHC/CHC/Hospital/Fire service etc in all school to contact if any an untoward situation and linkage to be created with primary health centre/community health centre/Hospital to ensure early treatment of the children in such situation.

All are directed to acknowledge the compliance of the above instructions



(A. Hamza)

Director of Education

To

The Principal/Headmaster, Govt. Senior Secondary School in island.

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

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

3. 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.

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