

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

From
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To
The Principal Secretary to Government,
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Lr.No.ESE02-27021/125/2020-MDM-CSE,Dated:20/08/2020

Sir,

Sub: School Education - Implementation of Jagananna Gorumudda (Mid Day Meal) Scheme - Request for conduct of Social Audit by APSSAAT- Regarding.

Ref: 1) Minutes of the PAB meeting held on 09.06.2020 to consider the AWP & B for the year 2020-21, Dt:04.07.2020.

2) Minutes of the review meeting conducted by the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh on 10.08.2020.

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I would like to draw your attention to the references cited.

2. The Hon'ble Chief Minister is giving paramount importance and priority to the Mid Day Meal Scheme for ensuring transparency, supply of better quality, nutritious and tastier food to the students to strengthen them mentally and physically. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister is reviewing the programme once a month. Further, it is prestigious Scheme of the Government and the benefited the nearly 36 lakh students from Classes 1st to 10th to avoid malnutrition and class room hunger.

3. The Government has revised the menu, enhanced the honorarium to Cook cum Helper @3000, providing additionally Peanut Jaggery Chikki @25 grams to students three alternate days in week in addition to the five eggs per week. The process of supply of Chikkies is done by the Cooking Agencies and the supply of Eggs is done by the Suppliers.

4. It is informed that, the hot cooked meal could not be provided to the students from the 3rd week of the march till now due to the closure of the schools in view of the COVID pandemic situation. However, the State Government have given directions to provide dry ration to the students to all working days till August 31st. The dry ration consists of rice, eggs and chikkies which are essential for the implement of Nutrition caloric value and also to strengthen the immunity.

5. Further, it is informed that, during the review meeting held on 10.08.2020 by the Hon'ble Minister for Education, A.P on implementation of Jagananna Gorumudda (MDM) Scheme, he instructed to conduct of social audit on supply of Dry Ration along with Eggs and Chikkies in all districts from March 3rd week to August-2020 which is mandate under MDM guidelines and suggested the Social Audit Units (SAU) set up under MGNREGS, may be actively involved in conducting Social Audit of MDM in all districts.

6. In this connection, it is proposed to conduct the Social Audit in Two mandals per district on the implementation of Jagananna Gorumudda Scheme in the schools i.e., the supply of Rice, Chikkies and Eggs done by the Suppliers in Dry Ration from 23.03.2020 to 07.09.2020 and the same items are reached to the eligible children under this Scheme.

7. Therefore, I request you to issue the necessary instructions to the Director, Society for Social Audit, Accountability and Transparency, Andhra Pradesh to take up the Social Audit immediately. The expenditure shall be met from the Director, Mid Day Meal & School Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam.

8. The Director, Mid Day Meal & School Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Ibrahimpatnam shall coordinate with the Director, Society for Social Audit, Accountability and Transparency, Andhra Pradesh for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,
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The Director, Mid Day Meal & School Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh.

The Director, School Education, Andhra Pradesh.

The Addl.P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Education, Govt.of A.P for information.