Sub: - Supervision of Cooked Mid-Day-Meal.

Enclosed find herewith the memo no. 411-SSE/13 dated: 11.7.13 of the Secretary to the Govt. of W.B., S.E.D. along with No.- H.S.158/2013 dated: 09.07.13 of Principal Secretary Deptt. of Health and Family Welfare which will speak for itself.

You are requested to circulate suitable instruction to all schools under your jurisdiction that proper care be taken for hygienic cooking and preparation of cooked food under the Mid-Day-Meal programme and supervise the matter so that proper attention on hygiene is paid and proper care is taken in the preparation of Mid-Day-Meal in all schools.
From: Shri Arnab Roy,
Secretary to the Government of West Bengal,

To: District Magistrate,________________________ (all districts)

Sub: Supervision of Cooked Mid Day Meal Programme.

Sir,

I am enclosing a copy of letter from the Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal regarding a case where students fell ill after consuming Mid Day Meal.

It is of great importance that proper care should be taken for hygienic cooking and preparation of cooked food under the Mid Day Meal Programme. You are requested to pass instructions to all concerned so that proper attention on hygiene is paid and regular supervision is made. Accountability for this should also be ensured.

Necessary feedback should be given to Project Director, Cooked Mid Day Meal Programme from time to time.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
(Arnab Roy)
Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal

Enclo: As stated.

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Copy forwarded to:
1. Shri S.C.Tewary, Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Department of Health & Family Welfare for kind information.

2. Shri N. N. Barman, Project Director, Cooked Mid Day Meal Programme with request to make regular inspections and alert all concerned.

3. D.I. of Schools (SE)________________________ (all districts)

4. D.I. of Schools (PE)________________________ (all districts)

(Arnab Roy)
Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal
Dear Arnab,

It is seen recently that in some schools, after eating the cooked food under the Mid Day Meal Scheme, some students suffer from symptoms of food poisoning and have to be admitted to health facilities.

One such case has occurred today at Kantabari Primary School in Onda block of Bishnupur Sub-division. As per information available with this Department, 96 students of the school were admitted in Bishnupur Sub-divisional hospital with complaints of abdominal pain and vomiting. Out of the students who fell ill, 84 students were discharged after treatment, as needed. The remaining ones are under observation.

I would request that suitable instruction to all concerned may be issued so that proper care is taken in preparation of the Mid Day Meal in all the schools.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Shri Arnab Roy
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