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No. 417 (65) – SSE/13

Dated, Kolkata, the 17th July, 2013

From : Shri Arnab Roy,
Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.

To : 1. District Magistrate, ____________ (all districts)
2. Joint Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation
3. Labour Commissioner, Government of West Bengal
4. Sub Divisional Officer, Siliguri Sub-Division
5. Executive Director, Education Deptt, Gorkhaland Territorial
   Administration (GTA), Louis Jubilee Complex, PO&Dist: Darjeeling,
   PIN-734 101
6. Chairman, District Primary School Council, Kolkata
7. District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education)
   ______________ _____________________________ (all districts)
8. District Inspector of Schools (Primary Education)
   ____________________________ (all districts)

Sub: Mid Day Meal – Ensuring hygiene and safety.

Sir/Madam,

There have been some incidents in the Country where children have become
seriously ill after consumption of Mid Day Meal. In view of this we have to eliminate any
possibility of unhygienic and unsafe food being served to the children. A booklet
containing guidelines on health, hygiene, safety and quality to be maintained for Cooked
Mid Day Meal Scheme has been earlier sent to you for the guidance of the schools. You
are now requested to ensure the following:

1. Instruct all schools within your jurisdiction to maintain proper hygiene and safety
   measures during cooking and serving of Mid Day Meal.
2. Instruct all schools that before serving of Mid Day Meal to children one teacher and the cook should taste the food and only thereafter they should serve the same to the children.

3. Inspecting Officers should visit all schools within their jurisdiction within the next two weeks. They should also taste the food prior to serving of the same to the children during inspection.

You are requested to confirm that the above arrangements have been made, by 22nd July.

Yours faithfully,

(Arthab Roy)
Secy. to the Govt. of West Bengal

Memo No. 985(51)  
Date: 29/07/13

Forwarded to the S.I/Schools of circle offices and the A.I/Schools of Blocks with the direction to instruct the matters to all schools and visit all schools within their jurisdiction within next two weeks as per instruction of this letter.

Secy.

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