To
All Collectors.

Sub:- Engagement of Cook-cum-helpers in schools under Mid-Day Meal Programme.

Madam/ Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that the enhancement of honorarium of cook-cum-helper was under active consideration of Govt. for some time in the past. After careful consideration Govt. have been pleased to sanction a sum of Rs. 1000/- per month as honorarium to each cook-cum-helper.

The practice of engaging separate cooks and helpers shall be discontinued and only cook-cum-helpers will be engaged under the Mid-Day Meal Programme. As regards engagement of cook-cum-helpers at the school level, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India guidelines shall be followed. The GoI guidelines state as follows: “A separate provision for payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helper @ Rs. 1000/- per month has been made. One cook-cum-helper may be engaged in a school having upto 25 students, two cook-cum-helpers for schools having 26 to 100 students and one additional cook-cum-helper for every addition of upto 100 students”.

It has been decided by Government that specific approval of Collector will be taken by the concerned D.I of schools for engaging additional cook-cum-helper beyond two nos.

This may be made effective from 01.04.2012.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Secretary

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