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To
All Collectors.

Sub: - MDM Management and Cooking.

Madam / Sir,

Mid Day Meal is being served to the children of Primary & Upper Primary schools to drive out class room hunger, to reduce drop-out rate and increase retention. And in all schools MDM is being cooked either by SHG or by Cook-cum-Helper under the management and supervision of SMC in which Headmaster is the Secretary. But instances of arbitrary disengagement of Cook-cum-Helper or SHG have been reported from many districts on the ground that SHG or Cook-cum-Helpers do not pull on well with SMC or school Headmaster. Such kind of arbitrary action is against the spirit of MDM management & women empowerment.

After considering the whole issue it is advised not to resort to arbitrary disengagement. Efforts should be made to iron out the differences & disputes to obviate disengagement, further complication & disruption of MDM. On the other hand, if any Cook-cum-Helper or SHG is to be removed for non-performance, misappropriation or any cogent reason then SMC can pass a resolution to that effect recording the reasons in a meeting where the D.I of schools would be invited to remain present to witness the proceedings. However, under no circumstances shall MDM be a casualty.

This may be brought to the notice of all Headmasters.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary
S&M.E. Deptt.
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