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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
MDM Division

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
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To,

Shri Mahavir Meena
Deputy Commissioner (F&A)
Mid Day Meal Programme
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Subject: Engagement of Cooks-cum-helpers under Mid Day Meal Scheme -
regarding

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. F.4(88)/PC/PRD/MDM/AMSS/Part-2/07/4603 dated 23rd July, 2010 on the subject mentioned above and to say that cook-cum-helper is one person and honorarium to cooks-cum-helper is being paid at the rate of Rs. 1000 per month for both the work i.e. cooking and serving the meal under Mid Day Meal Scheme. This issue was also clarified in the meeting of Education Secretaries held on 30th January, 2010 at Vigyan Bhavan that 'cook-cum-helpers is expected to perform all activities relating to cooking, serving and washing the utensils. Whosoever does these jobs are entitlement for the honorarium. In case of centralized kitchen also, if all activities like cooking, serving etc. are undertaken by them, they are entitled to honorarium as well as cooking cost. But if centralized kitchen is not arranging to get the meal served in the school, then the honorarium can be apportioned between the centralized kitchen and the agency / individual serving the meal. The principle and procedure for apportionment of honorarium between various partners providing the services can be laid down by the State / UT Government as appropriate.'

In the referred case if women co-operative societies are preparing and serving the meal to the children in the schools allotted to them they are entitled for honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers on the basis of actual number of cook-cum-helpers engaged for this purpose subject to the norm fixed by the State Government.

However, if these women co-operative societies only prepare and deliver the meal and schools are required to manage the distribution of meal, then the honorarium for cook-cum-helpers will have to be shared between women co-operative society and schools in proportion of the task performed by them.

You are, therefore, requested to take further necessary action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



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