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**Subject:** Devolving of funds, functions and functionaries under the Mid Day Meal Scheme to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in pursuance to the provisions contained in the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 (amended up to October 2018).

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Whereas, the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Education popularly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme , a flagship Centrally Sponsored Scheme was launched in schools of J&K in September 2004 with an objective of enhancing enrolment, retention and attendance and simultaneously improving nutritional status among children;

Whereas, the School Education Department has since been administering the scheme to the targeted beneficiaries viz all students enrolled in the primary and middle sections of all government schools through the concerned schools;

Whereas, the preparation and distribution of the Mid-Day Meal is carried out under the supervision of the Head of the Institution while the Village Education Committee has been entrusted the responsibility to oversee providing of the Meals in the schools;

Whereas, the functions relating to preparation and distribution of Mid-Day Meals in schools have been devolved to the Panchayati Raj Institutions vide clause (iv) of Schedule 1-A & clause(v) of Schedule II-A of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, as mentioned below;

**Clause (iv) of Schedule I-A:**

*Preparation and distribution of Mid-Day-Meal in Primary Schools through local Self Help Groups (SHGS) NGOs/ Community Level organizations for which the funds shall be transferred to Panchayats. The Halqa Panchayat shall also ensure weekly quality check of the Mid-Day Meal through designated agencies and take immediate action, if any, adverse reports are received.*

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**Clause (v) of Schedule II-A:**

*Preparation and distribution of Mid-Day-Meal in Middle Schools through local SHGs/NGOs/Community level Committees for which the funds shall be transferred to Block Development Council. Block Development Council shall also ensure weekly quality checks of Mid- Day-Meal through designated agencies and take immediate action, if any, adverse reports are received.*

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the above provisions of the J&K Panchayati Raj Act 1989 (amended up to October 2018) regarding devolving of funds, functions and functionaries under J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, it is hereby ordered that the implementation of the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in the State shall henceforth be carried out through the following mechanism:-

1. The preparation and distribution of Mid-Day Meal in the school shall be carried out by the concerned Halqa Panchayat through the following Community Level Committee, utilizing the services of the cook-cum-helper/s already engaged for the purpose by the respective school:

1.	Sarpanch/Administrator or Panch nominated by Sarpanch/Administrator	Chairman
2-3	Two members of Panchayat Halqa (preferably female) – on rotation basis for one academic session to be nominated by Sarpanch /Administrator	Member(s)
4-8	Five women from community (parents of children studying in the school) - on rotation for one academic session	Member(s)
9	Head of the Institution	Member Secretary
10	Teacher (I/C MDM).	Member

2. The Halqa Panchayat shall ensure preparation and distribution of Mid Day Meal on each school day, uninterrupted, while fulfilling the minimum norms of nutrition as prescribed under the scheme and adhering to the procedures prescribed in this regard for reporting and accounting, as mentioned in the scheme guidelines and instructions issued from time to time.



3. The existing Mid Day Meal (MDM) account of the school shall be jointly operated by the Head of the Institution and the Sarpanch / Panch-nomiated by Sarpanch.
4. Funds on account of Cooking Cost and Honorarium for the Cook-Cum-Helpers shall be transferred to the MDM account of the institution as per the existing practice.
5. The Teachers / ReTs associated with the implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme at School level shall help the Halqa Panchayat in preparation and distribution of Mid-Day-Meals to the students.
6. The preparation and distribution of Mid-Day-Meal in Schools having both primary and middle section and those with only middle-section shall be carried out by the concerned Panchayat Raj Institutions in place, through the same community level committee as mentioned at point (1) above.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.


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