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To : D. K. Pal,
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Sub : Request for information on issues relating to NITI Aayog as per instruction of
Chief Secretary

Ref : Your Memo No.367(11)/SS/Policy/NITI Aayog/2016 dated 02.05.2016

Sir,

Kindly refer to the above. The views pertaining to School Education Department are
as follows : -

Observations of NITI Aayog regarding items dealt with by School Education Department
is reproduced below : -


*There is poor convergence of Midday Meal Scheme (MDMS) with the school health
programme. There is a need to form networks of Medical Colleges, Home Science
faculties and State MDMS steering and monitoring committees and institutions to evolve
state specific guidelines for improved quality and safety of food. Nearly 25% of schools
continue to prepare the mid-day meal either in an open area or in the classrooms,
which raises serious food safety issues. It is important to ensure that schools have
proper facilities to cook meals.*

The observations of School Education Department are as follows : -

- 1) Regular meetings are held with Health Deptt. on convergence issues regarding school
health programme and other programmes undertaken in consonance with Health
Department.
- 2) Suggestion of forming networks of Medical Colleges, Home Science faculties and State
MDMS steering and monitoring committees and institutions to evolve State Specific
guidelines for improved quality and safety of food may be adopted.
- 3) In our state kitchen cum store has been completed in 88% schools. The rest are
under construction. The state will have kitchen cum store in all schools within 2016-
2017.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Arnab Roy)
Principal Secretary