

Guide lines for mid day meal scheme.

The Commissioner of Food Safety has noted that Food Poisoning from Mid day meal schemes are rampant now a days. This is because of the use of substandard raw materials and unhygienic preparations So the following guidelines are issued for strict compliance.

1. The school authority shall nominate one senior teacher as the responsible person to comply all the provisions of the FSS Act. He will also be included in the monitoring committee
2. There shall be a committee at school level for monitoring the mid day meal scheme comprising the Head Master, PHC Doctor, PTA President, Panchayath/Municipal member, Head boy/students or student representative and the nominee of the school under Food Safety and Standards Act.
3. The Headmaster or the nominee of the school under Food Safety and Standards Act shall on a daily basis inspect the quality of raw material and hygienic conditions of kitchen before cooking starts.
4. The school authorities shall obtain Registration from the Food Safety Department
5. There shall be a register for the procurement of the raw materials to trace the source and quality of food articles purchased. As far as possible, raw materials shall be purchased from vendors having license/Registration under Food Safety and Standards Act. The storage of food materials shall be constructed/maintained in the most hygienic way. The rice and other materials taken out of packets/purchased without packets shall only be stored in containers with proper lids, so as to prevent rat, cockroaches etc. from coming into contact with the food materials.
6. If any supplier including Government agencies supplies sub standard food, the matter should be brought to the notice of the Food Safety Officer of the area.

7. The telephone number of the local Food Safety Officer shall be affixed in a prominent place so that the students/parent can make complaint if any.
8. To the extent possible, the 30 point hygiene and sanitary practices shall be followed by the school kitchen.(copy enclosed).

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(COMMISSIONER OF FOOD SAFETY)