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[Despatch Abstract.]

Elementary Schools - Supply of midday meals - Visit by Nutrition Officer -
Permitted.

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Public Health Department.
From Major J.N. Gorman, I.M.S.,
Director of Public Health,
Madras.

To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department, Madras.



R.No.41972-8-N-44, dated 4-3-46.

Schools - Elementary - Supply of midday meals to poor Children.

Ref: Public Health Commissioner's letter No.5-34/44-P.H., dated 23-8-44, 21-9-44, 20-1-45, 5-6-45, 20-8-45 & 18-1-46.

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- (2) My letter No.33318-1-Nut., dated 20-7-44, to the Secretary to Govt. Education and Public Health Department.
(3) G.O.No.2196-P.H., Department dated 27-12-45.
(4) My letters to the Public Health Commissioner R.No.41972-1N, dated 17-10-44, -2N dated 30-1-45, -3N dated 23-6-45, -4N dated 28-8-45 and -6 dated 18-2-46.

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that the Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India has been enquiring repeatedly since August 1944 the stage attained in the scheme of free school feeding in this Province. As no information was available in this department the Public Health Commissioner was informed that orders of Government on the subject had not yet been received.

2. I have now received copies of Memo No.32033-A5-E. & P.H. dated 1st September 1945 and G.O.No.2196 dated 27-12-45 along with D.O.No.51017-A.4 dated 12-2-46 from the Deputy Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department wherein Government have issued orders on the scheme of compulsory education and provision of midday meals to school children under Government subsidy. Copies of this Memo and G.O. have now to be communicated to the Public Health Commissioner to appraise him of the present position of the school feeding scheme. In this connection I would like to point out that the last sentence of the G.O. is apt to be misunderstood by the Public Health Commissioner who will presume that the Public Health Department is to be excluded from it. I am sure this is not the intention of the Government.

3. It is admitted that the administration of this scheme should vest in the department of Public Instruction but as a scheme of major Public Health significance, the Public Health Department has a vital role to play in contributing to the success of this scheme. The assessment of the nutritional status of school children who receive free meals, the wholesomeness and the food value of the meals served, advice on matters of suitable and economical adjustments of menus, the selection of children who require special attention and specific treatments from the dietary aspect and such other technical aspects ~~which require~~ require to be given due emphasis in a scheme of this magnitude. It is therefore considered essential to carry out investigations on the above scientific nutritional lines in order that Government may be able to assess the value of the scheme as a major nation building activity with a view to its future expansion. I have therefore to request the Government to be pleased to review their orders and to amend them suitably so as to make the respective positions of the Department of Public Instruction and Department of Public Health vis a vis this scheme, more comprehensive.

4. Also as this Department is already working the closest collaboration with the Director of Public Instruction on the nutritional aspects of the scheme there would appear to be no difficulty in amending the G.O. in order to include suitable reference regarding the Nutritional aspects of the scheme and the necessary collaboration by the Public Health Department.

for Director of Public Health, Madras.

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Public Health Department.

From
Major J.H. Gorman, I.M.S.,
Director of Public Health,
Madras.

To
The Public Health Commissioner,
with the Government of India,
New Delhi.

R.No.41972-9-N-44, dated 4th March 1946.



Sub: School Feeding in certain parts of the Madras province.

Ref: My letter R.No.41972-6N-44, dated 21-2-1946.

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Further to my letter referred to above I have the honour to state that Government in G.O.No.2196-P.H., dated 27-12-1945, have sanctioned a scheme of compulsory education, and supply of mid-day meals to school children, in selected villages in each district and have undertaken to subsidise the scheme. Copy of G.O. No.2196-P.H., dated 27-12-45 on the subject is communicated for information. The scheme is to be organised by the respective district boards under the general control of the Director of Public Instruction.

2. The Public Health Department is at present concerned with the scheme in an advisory capacity only as the Nutrition Officer has been specifically asked to inspect the various centres and to report to the Director of Public Health on the standard of meals provided from a nutrition point of view.

3. The question of necessity for a ^{revision} ~~revision~~ of the last sentence in the G.O. under reference is under correspondence with Government.

for Director of Public Health, Madras.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health

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Department, Madras in continuation of this office letter
No. 41972-8-N-44 dated 4-3-46, for information.

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Education and Public Health
Department, Fort St. George
15 April 1946.

D.O. No. 1244-46, 1

Dear Major,

Subject: Supply of midday meals to
school children - Your letter R.No.
41972-8 N/44, dated 4th March 1946.

I am to say that the exclusion of
the officers of the Public Health
Department from the scheme of inspec-
tions sanctioned in G.O.No. 2196 Edn.,
dated 27th December 1945 was with a
view to avoid having too many officers
doing administrative inspection of the
feeding centres. The need for the
inspection of the centres by the
Nutrition Officer was accepted in my
D.O. to you dated 12.1.46, for the
purpose mentioned there; but in order
to apprise everybody concerned of this
arrangement it is now being issued as
a G.O., a copy of which I am sending
herewith; in the circumstances it is
considered that there is no need to
amend G.O.No. 2196 dated 27th December
1945.

Yours sincerely,

To
Major J.H. Gorman, I.M.S., (with
Director of Public Health *web*)

Education & P.H. Department. 7 (B.2.)
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Sub:- Elementary schools - Supply of midday meals - Visit
by Nutrition Officer - Permitted.

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Edn. dated. 15-4-46

The Government consider that the Nutrition Officer should visit the centres selected for the supply of midday meals and report to the D.P.H. his observations on the standard of meals supplied to school children purely from the nutritional point of view. The D.P.H. is requested to issue necessary instructions to the officer. The D.P.I. is requested to furnish the officer with a list of centres selected for the supply of midday meals.

15/4/46
To
The D.P.H. ✓
The D.P.I. ✓

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P.T.O

From the D.P.H. Rc.No. 41972-8-N-44 dated 4-3-46.
Sub:- Ele. Schools - Supply of midday meals to poor children.

In connection with the scheme of supply of midday meals introduced in 1945-46, the suggestion was made that special steps should be taken to ensure that meals ^{were} supplied to children regularly and the ^{was} amount provided for the purpose was utilised to the best advantage. This point was examined in the notes to G.O.No. 2196 Edn., dated 27-12-45. The D.P.I. who was consulted in the matter proposed that pending the creation of posts of school attendance officers, the subordinate officers of the Education Dept. and the Revenue Dept. and the Public Health Dept. might be asked to inspect the feeding centres as often as possible. It was considered sufficient to ask the officers of the Education Dept. and the Revenue Dept. to make inspections and that it was unnecessary to bring in the officers of the Public Health Dept. into the scheme of inspections. Orders were accordingly issued in G.O.No. 2196 Edn., dated 27-12-1945. The Director of Public Health has now referred to the last sentence in the order, viz., that it is not necessary to bring the officers of the Public Health Department into the scheme of inspection ^{and asks for a clarification of Govt. instructions.} Subsequently the Public Health Department was asked to instruct the Nutrition Officer to visit areas selected for the supply of meals and to make a report to the Director on the standard of meals supplied to children purely from the nutrition point of view.

The reason for issuing orders side lined at 'A' above was that it was unnecessary to have too many officers to inspect the centres. It seems sufficient if the position is explained to the Director of Public Health and does not seem necessary to amplify the orders already issued. For orders.

Two drafts are subd.

D.O. No.

Edn. dated.

Draft II.

Dear Major,

Sub:- Supply of midday meals to school children.

I am to enclose a copy of the G.O.No.

dated authorising the Nutrition Officer to visit the centres selected for the supply of midday meals to school children. As regards the exclusion of the officers of the Public Health Department from the scheme of inspections sanctioned in G.O.No. 2196 Edn., dated 27-12-45, I am to say

that the intention of Govt. was not to have too many officers to inspect the feeding centres.

Yours sincerely,

Major J.H. Gorman, I.M.S.,
D.P.H.
(with encls.)

affairs, local, everything, however, of this as far as it is now being is not as a lot of this 9 Ann sent present in the district and it is considered that there is no need to amend G.O. No. 2196 dated 27 Dec. 45.

