

## **GENERAL OBSERVATION ON MID DAY MEAL**

1. Most of the schools have expressed their problem in providing Mid Day Meal for all 5 days in a week due to irregular and inadequate supply of rice inspite of the fact that current enrollment is being submitted to the office of the respective District School Education Officer (DSEO). Some schools provide Mid Day Meal once a week, some twice and one or two schools provide it once a month and that too only during school festivals. In most cases the head teacher/ secretary has to collect rice from the dealer by themselves without any transportation cost provided for the purpose.
2. The amount sanctioned for Conversion Cost is too low and needs to be enhanced from time to time depending on the market price.
3. Most of the cooks are reluctant to prepare Mid Day Meal everyday as the monthly salary is very less with only Rs.1000/- per month. This is because they have to find out some other alternative employment for meeting their basic necessities.
4. In most schools water supply is not available in the school premises. Moreover due to non-availability of source it is difficult to get water connection up to the school. Therefore the teachers have to engage water carrier to provide water for mid day meal for atleast two days in a week.
5. Lastly, since no separate fund is provided for purchase of firewood the students are compelled to bring firewood from home one or two firewood each.