Dated Shillong the 19th August 2019

## SFC SUO MOTO CASE NO 3 of 2019

Member Secretary ......Petitioner

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 Principal Secretary to Govt of Meghalaya Education Department, Shillong.

Director of School Education and Literacy, Govt of Meghalaya, Shillong. (Nodal Officer)

3 District School Education Officer East Khasi Hills District, Shillong

 Headmaster, Ramakrishna Upper Primary School Umsohsun, Shillong

 Secretary, School Managing Committee for Mid Day Meal, Ramakrishna Upper Primary School, Umsohsun, Shillong.

## ORDER

News item appearing in Shillong Times dated 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019, in letters to the Editor under the caption "Violation of Mid Day Meal Scheme," requesting appropriate steps against the alleged errant persons for distributing rice and lentil (both uncooked) to the students under Mid Day Meal Scheme on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019, and collecting Rs.50 from each student as transportation cost in violation of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India;

And whereas under Section 5(1) (b) of the National Food Security Act 2013, every child upto Class VIII or within the age group of six to fourteen years is entitled to one mid-day meal, free of charge in all schools run by local bodies, Government and Government aided schools, so as to meet the nutritional standards as specified in the schedule;

And the "Mid- Day Meal Rules, 2015," under Clause 6 and 7 places responsibility on the State – Steering – cum – Monitoring Committee, under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, to oversee the implementation of the scheme, as well as the School Management Committees, And the Mid-Day Meal Scheme Guidelines, 2006, issued by the Ministry of Human Resources Development Govt of India, has placed responsibility on the Nodal Department, i.e, Education Department for implementation of the Programme;

Therefore, for the ends of justice and fair play, the matter is registered and taken up Suo-Moto. A Commission comprising of Smti.L.Kharkongor, IAS, Retd. Member, and Shri.R.Gurung, Member, is hereby constituted to enquire into the matter and submit a report within 30 days. The Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills, Shillong is directed to depute Police personnel during the sittings of the Commission.

(B.K.DevVarma,IAS,Retd.)

Chairman

Meghalaya State Food Commission