

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A.V. SESA SAI
WRIT PETITION No.26112 of 2011

ORDER:

When the matter is taken up, it is represented by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, so also the learned Government Pleader appearing for Respondents that the issue in this writ petition is squarely covered by the judgment of this Court in W.P.No.9800 of 2013 and batch dated 30-12-2014 and a copy of the said order is also placed on record by the learned counsel for the petitioners. This Court, deems it appropriate to dispose of this writ petition in the same lines.

2 . Following the above mentioned judgment of this Court in W.P.No.9800 of 2013 and batch dated 30-12-2014 and for the reasons recorded therein, this writ petition is also disposed of, with the following directions:

1. The State Government shall take immediate steps to issue appropriate rules/guidelines with respect to the implementation of the decisions of the review committees, at all levels, including for replacement of an existing agency by a new implementing agency.
2. Till the Government frames appropriate rules/ guidelines, as directed above, all the respondent authorities, at all levels, shall follow the directions as under:
 - (a) Wherever the concerned review committee notices deficiency in the functioning of the existing implementing agency, the concerned review committee shall communicate its views and

suggestions to the respective committees entrusted with selection of an implementing agency.

- (b) On receipt of recommendations of the review committee, the respective committees, entrusted with selection of an implementing agency, shall notify such deficient implementing agency and consider the explanation of such deficient implementing agency in its meeting and shall take appropriate decision either to continue the implementing agency by giving opportunity to rectify the deficiencies or to replace the existing agency by a new agency.
 - (c) If a decision is taken to replace the existing agency, the same procedure as envisaged in clause (6) of the guidelines shall be followed for selecting a new implementing agency to replace the existing agency.
 - (d) In all such cases where the existing implementing agency is replaced by a new agency, such aggrieved implementing agency shall be entitled to seek reconsideration of such decision before the Nodal Officer in terms of the guidelines and the decision of the Nodal Officer shall be final and binding on all the parties.
3. In all these cases, as stated above, this Court has already passed interim orders and wherever the existing implementing agencies are continued in terms of the said interim order, they shall continue to operate the mid-day meal programme. However, the respondents shall be free to take appropriate further action in terms of the directions hereinabove.
4. In all these cases, wherever a new agency is appointed to replace existing agency, the grievance of the new agency shall be considered by the respective committees, which are entrusted with selection of implementing agency, who

As a sequel, the miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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