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You are quite aware of the incident that took place in Murgao High School, Mormugao when the meal was supplied recently under Mid Day Meal Scheme wherein 52 students were admitted to the hospital for the treatment of food poisoning caused due to a lizard baked with the food.

This incident has put the Directorate of Education into an embarrassing situation. The media also gave wide publicity which led to the bad image and poor implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme in the State. The parents are now under pressure whether to allow their children to eat the meal given under the Mid Day Meal Scheme or not. They have enough substance to say like that and reject the meal under the scheme.

You, being one of the contractor awarded to supply Mid Day Meal to the children in elementary schools of the State should be more careful while maintaining the cleanliness of the cooking place & hygienic condition of the cooked food to be served to those children who are very sensitive to the unhygienic food and show very fast reaction to this food immediately after consumption.

In view of the above, henceforth you have to take all the measures to cook the meal in tidy & clean kitchen with quality ingredients which has to be added. The food served shall contain appropriate weight & nutritional values as prescribed.

In case of failure, the Directorate of Education will not spare to initiate deemed fit action as per the agreement entered in, while awarding the contract to you.

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To,
The President,