



F. No. NESTS/EMRS/Common Academic Corr./109/2021-2022/1299

Dated:- 03rd July 2024

**The Principal Secretary,**  
Govt of State/UT,  
(As per list)

**Subject: Request for ensuring (i) good food quality and (ii) not allowing the use of mobile phones by students EMRS-reg.**

This is to bring your immediate attention on the following two critical issues concerning the well-being and development of the students in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs).

- a) **Quality of food in EMRSs:** - It has come to the notice of National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) that there are significant concerns regarding the quality of food being served to the students. Reports from various EMRSs indicate that the meals provided to students, do not meet the required standards of quality and nutrition. This is a matter of grave concern as it directly impacts the health and academic performance of our students.

In view of the above, it is requested to take immediate action to ensure that all EMRSs in your State/UT provide meals that are of good quality, nutritious, and prepared under hygienic conditions. Regular inspections and stringent monitoring mechanisms should be put in place to uphold these standards.

- b) **Usage of mobile phones in school by students and staffs:** - It has come to the notice of NESTS that the students use mobile phones in school and hostel campuses, and it is affecting their academic focus and overall discipline. This 'mobile culture' is detrimental to the structured learning environment that NESTS strive to maintain in EMRSs. Thereby, it is requested to ensure that students do not possess or use mobile phones in school including hostel. Also, the teachers are not to be allowed to use their mobile phones during classroom transactions and other activities.

In addition to the above, it is requested to kindly ask concerned officers to submit action taken report to NESTS by 18th July 2024, detailing the compliance and actions taken in this regard.

Looking forward to your immediate attention to these pressing matters.

**Commissioner (NESTS)**

Copy to:

- (i) The Nodal Officer, State/UT EMRS Society for information and with similar requests please
- (ii) The Principal, EMRS (as per list) for information and with a request to direct all the staff in the school for the needful please.
- (iii) All Officers & Staff, NESTS for information please.