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Q14

Case study. You are the Sarpanch of a Panchayat. There is a primary school run by the government in your area. Midday meals are provided to the children attending the school. The Headmaster has now appointed a new cook in the school to prepare the meals. However, when it is found that the cook is from the Dalit community, almost half of the children belonging to higher castes are not allowed to take meals by their parents. Consequently, the attendance in the school falls sharply. This could result in the possibility of discontinuation of midday meal scheme, thereafter of teaching staff and subsequent closing down the school. (a) Discuss some feasible strategies to overcome the conflict and to create the right ambiance. (b) What should be the responsibilities of different social segments and agencies to create a positive social ambiance for accepting such changes?

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Article 17, Constitution of India

Abolishes untouchability; a public school kitchen cannot revive it as a parental preference.

Midday meal scheme

A national nutrition-and-enrolment programme; caste boycott is not a lawful ground to end it.

PUCL right-to-food litigation

Supreme Court orders treated midday meals as a justiciable support for children's nutrition, not a local favour.

SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989

May apply to caste humiliation of a Dalit worker; it needs evidence and should not be a substitute for winning the parents.

School management committee

The lawful local body that should minute the real cause of absence and defend the cook and the kitchen.

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