

**Under Rupees: Rs.77,73,001/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Seventy Three Thousand and One only)**

**Demand No. 57, Department of School Education and Literacy**

**Major Head: 2202**

**01 – Elementary Education**

**112- National Programme of Mid Day Meals in Schools**

**11– Assistance to Union Territories without legislature**

**11.01. – Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support**

**11.01.31 – Grant-in-Aid-General during 2017-18**

**Received a sum of Rs. 77.73 Lakh (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh and Seventy Three Thousand only)**

Being the amount sanctioned under the Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education & Literacy vide Sanction letter No.1-1/2017-EE.5 (MDM-1-2) dated 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

For Disbursement to **the Secretary, Education Department, A & N Islands Administration, Port Blair - 744 101.**


Certified that:

1. The grantee has been exempted from executing a bond after working out an alternative arrangement in consultation with the Ministries of Law and Finance.
2. I have no reason to believe that the grantee institution is involved in corrupt practices.

The conditions of the grant have been fulfilled by the Grantee.

**2017-18**

**B.E. : Rs. 16,80,00,000**  
**Expenditure : Rs. 10,27,02,000**  
**Balance : Rs. 6,52,98,000**

  
**(Arnab Dhaki)**  
**Under Secretary**  
**Signature**  
**Designation**  
**Stamp of Officer**

Under Secretary / Under Secretary  
भारत सरकार / Govt. of India  
माध्यमिक शिक्षा और साक्षरता विभाग / Min. of H.R.D.  
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Dro School Education & Literacy  
पोर्ट ब्लेयर / Port Blair

**FOR TREASURY**

Pay Rupees

Examined

Treasury Accountant

Treasury Officer

**FOR USE IN PAY AND ACCOUNTS OFFICE**

Admitted Rs.

Objected to Rs.

Reason for objection:

Auditor Superintendent Gazetted Officer

**Strike out whatever certificate is not applicable**

**F. No. 1-1/2017- EE-5 (MDM-1-2)**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Human Resource Development  
Department of School Education & Literacy  
**[Mid-Day Meal Division]**

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

To  
The Pay & Accounts Officer,  
Pay and Accounts Office  
Ministry of Human Resource Development,  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

**Subject: Release of part of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of Recurring Central Assistance to UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for National Programme of Mid Day Meal in schools for the year 2017-18-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's sanction letters of even number dated 27.04.2017 releasing of **Rs.97.50 Lakh (Rupees Ninety Seven Lakh and Fifty Thousand Only)** and dated 14.07.2017 releasing of **Rs.135.69 lakh (Rupees One Crore Thirty Five Lakh and Sixty Nine Thousand only)** to **UT Administration of A&N Islands** as recurring Central Assistance under National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools for the year 2017-18.

2. **UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands** have furnished the details of expenditure incurred by UT Administration vide their letter No.5-1/EDN/MDM/CA/2017-18/5047 dated 30.10.2017 on the basis of which the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of **Rs.155.46 lakh** towards the recurring central assistance of the annual allocation has become due for release. However, Integrated Finance Division of MHRD has concurred **Rs.77.73 lakh (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh and Seventy Three Thousand only)** (50%) for release as recurring Central Assistance to **UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands** under MDM Scheme for the implementation of the scheme till 31.12.2017. The component wise details of release are given below:

(Rs. in Lakh)		
Sl. No.	Component/norm	Central Share (100%)
1	2	3
<b>Primary + Upper Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Food grains	3.93
2	Cooking Cost	57.02
3	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	14.42
4	Transportation Assistance	0.99
5	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME)	1.37
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>77.73*</b>

\* The balance amount of **Rs.77.73 lakh** towards the second installment of recurring central assistance would be released after appraisal and approval of the Mid Day Meal Scheme by the competent authorities i.e. EFC and CCEA.



3.(i) *The UT Finance Department must release Central Assistance to the Education Department or the nodal department for implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) immediately.*

(ii) *The Education Department or the nodal department for MDMS must release the Central Assistance to the schools/implementing agencies within a week.*

4. Accordingly, I am directed to convey the sanction of the President of India to release of **Rs.77.73 lakh (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh and Seventy Three Thousand only)** to UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as an recurring Central assistance under National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools for the year 2017-18.

5. The expenditure of **Rs.77.73 lakh (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh and Seventy Three Thousand only)** will be debited to Demand No. 57 - Department of School Education & Literacy, under 2202 (Major Head) – General Education , 01 (Sub-Major Head), **Elementary Education, 112 (Minor Head)**, National Programme of Mid Day Meals in schools, 11 –(Sub-Head) Assistance to Union Territory without Legislature, 11.01 – Amount to be met from Gross Budgetary Support (*Detailed Head*), 11.01.31 – *Grants-in-aid – General for 2017-18.*

Note: Since no funds under ST Component are available an amount of Rs.6.19 lakh (for ST Component) is released from the General Head.

6. The above grant is subject to the following conditions: -

**[A] Cost of foodgrains:**

- (i) District administration will ensure that every consuming unit maintains a buffer stock of food grains required for a month to avoid disruption due to unforeseen exigencies.
- (ii) The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has decided that the food grain would be supplied under Mid Day Meal Scheme at the National Food Security Act (NFSA) rates viz. Rs.2.00 per kg for wheat and Rs.3.00 per kg for rice instead of Below Poverty Line rates (Rs.4.15 per kg for wheat and Rs.5.65 per Kg for rice) during the year 2017-18. It is, therefore, advised that the payment of food grains to Food Corporation of India may be made at NFSA rates in respect of the food grains lifted by the State. District administration will ensure the payment of the bills raised by FCI within 20 days of the submission of bills as per the guidelines issued by this Department vide letter No. **1-15/2009-Desk(MDM) dated 10.2.2011**. The taxes if any levied by the State/UT would be borne by the Govt. of India.
- (iii) State Government will nominate an officer who will be responsible for receiving the bills submitted by FCI and ensuring payment to it in time. FCI will intimate its account number and mode of receiving of payment to the nodal officer, who should be made responsible for transferring money/depositing cheque in that account. State Govt. will ensure timely payment to FCI by district authority.
- (iv) All other provisions made in the above guidelines issued should be strictly complied.
- (v) The States/UTs may evolve a system for on-line payment to FCI to avoid delay.
- (vi) The information on month-wise payment to FCI may be made available to this Department on regular basis.

**[B] Cooking Cost:**

- (i) State/UT's norm of expenditure towards cooking cost shall under no circumstances be fixed at a level less than **Rs.4.13** per child per school day for primary stage and **Rs.6.18** per child per school day for upper primary stage and NCLP schools.
- (ii) States/UTs will not reduce its own budgetary allocation for cooked Mid-Day Meal Programme below the level of BE: 2005-06.



- (iii) As stipulated in the MDM Guidelines, 2006 [para 3.3(iv)], States/UTs shall ensure that a minimum of one-month's requirement of cooking cost is available in each school as advance through-out 2017-18.
- (iv) The States/UTs may evolve online transfer of funds to schools/implementing agencies.

**[C] Transportation Cost:**

- (i) Grant of Central Assistance towards transportation cost is based on flat rate of Rs. 750 per MT for State/UT as a whole or actual expenditure whichever is less. The utilisation of this grant should be commensurate with the actual quantity of food grains lifted and transported under the Scheme. Requirement of Transportation cost may vary from district to district within State/UT depending upon the topography and distance to be transported. States/UTs may therefore, reallocate this grant amongst the districts as per the requirement and as per State/UT norms.

**[D] Honorarium to Cooks-cum-Helpers**

- (i) UT administration may also release Rs. 1000/- per cook-cum-helper without any delay so that Rs. 1000/- per month is paid to cook-cum-helper on consolidated basis.
- (ii) UT administration may give priority to weaker section of the society like women, SC/ST, OBC, Minorities in engaging the cook-cum-helper.
- (iii) The cook-cum-helper should be engaged purely on temporary basis. Central Govt. will not bear any past service liability in respect of cook-cum-helper.
- (iv) Separate account will be maintained by the State Government for the Central assistance being released under each category (Primary and Upper Primary) separately to meet the payment of cook-cum-helpers under the Scheme.

**[E] MME:**

- (i) Central assistance will be utilized for Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) i.e. 1.8% of total recurring Central Assistance i.e. (a) Cost of food grains, (b) cooking cost, (c) transport assistance & (d) honorarium to cook-cum-helpers as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry's letter No. 1-15/2009-Desk (MDM), dated 21.6.2010.

**[F] GENERAL**

The grant shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (i) It shall be utilized only for undertaking activities proposed in the Annual Work Plan & Budget for the year 2017-18 and as approved by the Programme Approval Board, and by the Government of India on the basic norms of expenditure.
- (ii) The assets, if any, acquired wholly or substantially out of this grant, should not, without the prior sanction of the Government of India, be disposed off, encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant has been sanctioned.
- (iii) The grantee shall maintain a separate and proper account of the expenditure incurred out of the grant and the accounts so maintained shall be open to audit by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India or any authority deputed by him for the purpose as per rules.
- (iv) The State Government shall contribute and release their minimum mandatory share simultaneously to implementing agencies.
- (v) The grantee shall furnish this Department with item-wise statement of expenditure on a quarterly basis and other reports on physical and financial progress in the prescribed formats. The grantee will also submit annual progress within one month from the close of the financial year. The unspent balance, if any shall be taken into account before funds of subsequent years are released.



- (vi) The grantee shall follow strictly all the instructions issued by the Govt. of India from time to time with regard to the implementation of the Scheme and the funds earmarked for Special Component Plan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Sub Plan. Therefore, the funds are required to be further bifurcated into these minor budget heads i.e. for SCs and STs.

6. It is certified that the pattern of assistance under the Scheme has the prior approval of Ministry of Finance. It is also certified that the grant is being released in conformity with rules and principles of the Scheme.

7. The utilization certificate of this grant may be submitted to Govt. of India within three months of the next financial year.

8. The accounts of the grantee shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act 1971 and Internal Audit by the Principal Accounts Office of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of School Education and Literacy, whenever the grantee is called upon to do so.

9. As per instructions of the Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure vide their letter dated 31.01.2011, the procedure relating to the payment of grants-in-aid by Central government to the Union Territory without legislature where accounts have been separated from audit will be followed by issue of Direct booking of expenditure against the final Heads of accounts by PAOs of UTs on the basis of letter of authorization issued by Central Ministries / Departments. Accordingly, Pay and Account office, Department of School Education and Literacy, New Delhi will also send a copy of the authorization of pay and account officer, Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

10. Grantee is located in **A & N Islands** circle of account.

11. This issues with the concurrence of **Integrated Finance Division vide their Dy. No.3906/2017 dated 20.11.2017** and funds certified by **IF.2 vide Dy. No.629/ 2017-IF.II dated 27.11.2017**.

12. The **Sanction ID and E-bill** pertaining to above release has already been generated.

Yours faithfully,

(Arnab Dhaki)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Tel. No. 2338 7771

**Copy to:**

- (i) Ms. Tanvi Garg, IAS, Secretary (Education), Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Shiksha Sadan, Link Road, Department of Education, Secretariat, Port Blair – 744101 Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- (ii) Shri C. Nachiappan, Asstt. Director (MDM), A&N Administration, Education Department Port Blair-744101
- (iii) The Secretary Finance Department, A&N Administration, Port Blair - 744101. It is requested that funds released through this sanction letter may be transferred to the Education Department immediately.
- (iv) Director General of Audit, Central Revenues, AGCR Building, New Delhi-110 001.
- (v) Accountant General, Government of A&N Islands.
- (vi) Desk MDM/Guard File.
- (viii) Consultant (MDM) – for website uploading.

(Arnab Dhaki)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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