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**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid-Day-Meal held on 16.03.2010.**

The meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid Day Meal to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2010-11 in respect of **Chandigarh and Uttar Pradesh** was held on 16.03.2010 at New Delhi under the Chairpersonship of Secretary(SE&L), Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

2. A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is enclosed herewith for information and necessary action.

  
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Programme Approval Board for Mid Day Meal Scheme**

**16.03.2010**

A meeting of the Programme Approval Board for Mid-Day Meal was held at New Delhi on 16.03.2010 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Anshu Vaish, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (SE&L), Government of India. The agenda before the PAB was to (a) review the status and progress of the implementation of the Mid Day Meal (MDM) Programme for the States of **Chandigarh & Uttar Pradesh** and (b) consider their proposals for the MDM Scheme - Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2010-11. A list of members who participated in the meeting is attached at *Annexure-I*.

2. Shri Anant Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary (EE-I), Department of School Education and Literacy, Govt. of India welcomed the chairperson, members of PAB-MDM and other participants from the States. The meeting began with a quick round of self-introductions, following which JS(EE-I) requested the representative of the State Governments to highlight the progress achieved during 2009-10, best practices followed in the States and proposals for 2010-11.

3. **CHANDIGARH**

3.1. Shri S. Bhatia, UT State Project Director, Chandigarh, Shri Rajesh Sharma DEO Chandigarh Administration and Shri Bhupinder Kumar Jatana, Assistant Controller (F/A for Director Public Instruction) Chandigarh Administration, attended the meeting. After the introductory remarks Shri S. Bhatia, made a power point presentation on the UT's Annual Work Plan & Budget, 2010-11. The salient features of the presentation were as follows:

- i) **No. of Institution:** The UT of Chandigarh is implemented in all 311 Schools in which there are 40 Primary (15 Govt. + 25 AIE centres) and 271 Upper Primary (269 U.Py with Pry + 2 U.Py without Primary) including 168 AIE centres.

- ii) **No. of Children:** During the year 2009-10, against the approval of 47766 children in primary an average of 40824 children availed mid day meal and in case of Upper primary against approval of 27132 an average of 23386 children availed mid day meal.
- iii) Department of Education is the Nodal Department for implementation of MDM scheme in the UT of Chandigarh.
- iv) **Revision of Cooking cost:** The UT Administration has revised the cooking cost norm and honorarium for cook- cum- helper w.e.f. 01.12.09. After revision, during 2009-10 the cooking cost at primary level was Rs.6.50 in which the Central Share was Rs.1.88 and UT share was Rs.4.62 and at Upper Primary level the Unit cost was Rs.7.06 in which the Central share was Rs.2.81 and UT share was Rs. 4.25. From 1.4.10 these rates will be further enhanced by 7.5%.

v) **Food grains Management:**

The management of food grains is monitored and supervised by Committee consisting of following members in a systematic manner:-

- a. The District Education Officer,
- b. The Director Health Services,
- c. District Food & Supply Officer,
- d. Principal of Govt.Sr.Sec.Schools, and
- e. Representative of FCI.

Food grains are transported by trucks from FCI godowns located at Kharar, Kurali and Morinda to DEO store (wheat & rice) Wheat is further taken from DEO store to the miller and after grinding the Atta is lifted from millers the for delivery to cooking institutes (Centralized kitchen) on weekly basis.

- vi) **System of Flow of Funds Under MDM:** After receiving power of authorization from the PAO (MHRD) in favour of the Finance Secretary, UT Chandigarh to incur expenditure up to the sanctioned amount by Ministry of HRD. Finance Secretary releases funds to DEO who further releases the funds to the cooking institutes, transport agencies and schools who engage helpers. Upon furnishing the

vouchers/bills duly verified, the bills are paid by the DEO through the Treasury, U.T Chandigarh by cheques/DD.

- vii) **Cooks-cum-Helper:** No Central assistance towards payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helper was made to UT of Chandigarh for the period Dec.2009 to March, 2010 as they had not sent any proposal for this. 750 helpers have been engaged in schools for serving the meals and washing the utensils, @ one helper for every 100 students. This arrangement will continue in FY 2010-2011 also.
- viii) **Kitchen cum store:** SPD of UT of Chandigarh mentioned that the GOI has released Rs.23.34 lakhs out of Rs.66.60 lakhs for construction of kitchens shed in 111 institutions. As it was not possible to have individual kitchens in all school due to lack of space, it has been decided to construct 10 centralised kitchens for these 111 schools. Costs over and above the admissible Central assistance would be borne by the UT from its own resources. He mentioned that the constructions in 7. centralized kitchen sheds have been completed and remaining 3 are likely to be started in near future for which rough cost estimates for construction are under process. He requested PAB to release balance amount of Rs. 43.26 lakh which is due. Director MDM informed that the UT should send the physical and financial progress for construction of kitchen shed, so that the balance amount can be released.
- ix) **Evaluation Study:** Evaluation study of MDM Scheme in UT, Chandigarh has been conducted by Population Research Centre, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India. Recommendations of Evaluation report have been implemented by the Chandigarh Administration.
- x) **Management at School level:**
- a. The cooking of food is done by following 4 reputed cooking Institutes namely:-
- i) Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management and catering Technology, Sector-42, Chandigarh ,

- ii) Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Hotel Management Catering & Nutrition, Sector-42, Chandigarh ,
- iii) Chandigarh Industrial and tourism Development Corporation limited (Hotel Shivalik View) &
- iv) An NGO Swami Shivananda Memorial Institutes, New Delhi)
- b) Cooking at the said institutes is supervised by the Principals/Heads of the schools in rotation.
- c) Teachers also supervise the distribution of meal.
- d) NSS/NCC/SCOUTS & GUIDES from senior classes are also associated in the mid day meal activities like guiding the junior students to pray before taking meals and also serve meals.
- e) Heads of Schools visit the cooking institutes from 5:00 AM onwards for checking hygiene, tasting the food and monitoring general cooking activities in the kitchens.
- f) All the HCS/PCS Officers working in Chandigarh Administration have been involved in the monitoring of MDM activities.
- g) Feedback forms have been introduced for monitoring and ensuring accountability of everyone related to the mammoth effort of providing cooked meals regularly.

**4. With regard to issues raised by the UT Administration, PAB-MDM made the following observations:-**

- i) Secretary(SE&L) pointed out that, children should be fed as per the prescribed norms of food grains as desired nutritive value can only be obtained from prescribed food norms. She further directed that prescribed quantity of all ingredients of food should be served and it should not to be compromised. Rice and Wheat are only good sources of carbohydrates; prescribed amount of proteins and minerals etc. can only be provided through pulses and green vegetables. The SPD assured to review the menu.
- ii) JS(EE-I) expressed his concern over the successive reduction in the number of average number of children availing MDM in 2<sup>nd</sup> (38928 Primary and 22244 Upper Primary) and in 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (39130 Primary and 22181 Upper Primary) in



comparison to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (47,766 primary and 27,132 upper primary). Shri S. Bhatia, SPD, UT of Chandigarh Administration mentioned that, in the urban areas of UT of Chandigarh the children are unable to consume food cooked from 100 gms of food grains. On an average they consume food cooked from approximately 50-60 gms of food grains. As the actual consumption is being divided by the norms so the no. of children availing MDM is getting reduced. Further, some of the children come to school with Tiffin boxes, they have their own food and also take MDM. In this case also, the consumption under the MDM goes down. JS(EE-I) advised the UT to report the number of children and consumption on actual basis and explain the low per unit consumption through an explanatory note rather than deriving the number of beneficiary children.

- iii) JS(EEI) informed that several NGOs like Akshayapatra and Nandi foundation have also mentioned that it is difficult to consume food cooked from 100 gms of food grains by the child of primary section. Further, there is a need to carry out a study to assess the actual consumption ability of the child. UT may attempt such scientific study and share the results with Govt. of India.
- iv) JS (EE-I) pointed out that as per the 3<sup>rd</sup> QPR, no inspection seems to have been carried out. SPD reiterated that inspections are being carried out; he will ensure that it is properly reflected in the QPR. JS(EE.1) further enquired whether any incidence of children falling ill due to MDM has been reported or not. SPD mentioned that there was a case of an insect being found in the rice; however no complaints and no cases of children falling ill were reported during the year.

5. Smt. Rita Chatterjee, Director (MDM), Government of India presented an analysis of the Performance of the UT in the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme during the first three quarters of the year 2009-10. i.e. April to December,09.. The presentation highlighted the following points

- i) **Coverage of Schools:** The UT of Chandigarh has covered 311 Schools in which 40 Primary (15 Govt. + 25 AIE centres) and 271 Upper Primary (269 Upy with Pry + 2 Upy without Primary) including 168 AIE centres.

- ii) **No. of children:** As against the PAB-MDM approval for 74898 children [47766(Primary) + 27132 (Upper Primary)], the average number of children availed mid day meal in the first 3 quarters of 2010-11 was 64210 [40824 (Primary) +23386, (Upper Primary)] which was 14% less than the approved number. Out of total enrolment of 103622 (Primary- 65371 +Upper Primary -38251), children availing MDM were 64210 (62%).
- iii) **No. of working days:** The average no. of working days approved for implementation of MDM in the UT was 183 for 3 quarters. Against this, UT had served MDM for 161 working days at primary and 171 days at upper primary stage.
- iv) **Lifting (availability) & Utilization of Food grains:** Considering that three-fourth of the year was over by 31-12-09, the districts should have lifted at least 85% and utilized about 75% of the food grains allocation. The UT was allocated 1999.01 MTs. for the FY 2009-10. The UT had lifted 644.41 MTs. including an Opening Balance of 176.35 MTs, the availability of food grains was 820.76 MTs. i.e 41 % of the allocated food grains. Out of the total availability, the UT has utilized 761.31 MTs(92%)
- v) **Utilization of Cooking Cost:** The gross allocation for 2009-10 was Rs. 1134.59 Lakhs ( Central +UT share). UT has utilized Rs. 715.00 lakhs (126%) against total availability of funds for cooking cost of Rs. 564.3 lakhs. The SPD, Chandigarh Administration, mentioned that the Bills against central assistance were pending which was received late by UT due to non receipt of power of authorization.
- vi) **Utilization of Transport Assistance:** The central assistance towards total transport cost received for financial year 2009-10 was Rs. 15.00 Lakhs. The UT has not shown utilization of the sanctioned amount rather it has mentioned that it has utilized UT funds for expenditure under this head.
- vii) **Utilization of MME:** The Govt. of India had released Rs.7.63 lakhs for MME for financial year 2009-10. The UT Administration has utilized Rs. 16.83 lakhs. The additional expenditure is from UT fund.
- viii) **Construction of Kitchen sheds:** Central assistance of Rs.23.34 Lakhs was released towards construction of 10 Kitchen Sheds for 111 schools during 2006 -09

for primary and upper primary stages. Against this the UT has shown 70% physical progress of Kitchen Sheds.

- ix) **Procurement of Kitchen devices**: Central assistance released towards procurement of 86 kitchen devices for schools during 2006-10 is Rs 4.28 lakhs. The UT has shown 58% progress against the available funds.

**6. Observations of the Monitoring Institution (Punjab University) Chandigarh are as follows:-**

- (a) The cooked meals are transported from the base kitchen to schools by trucks.
- (b) The route is changed daily so that one particular school is not always the privileged first.
- (c) Although no proper shed/room is available in most of the schools, yet it seems that essential conditions of hygiene are being taken care of.
- (d) Distribution of MDM is done by attendant provided by the contractor or hired by the school.
- (e) 100% schools in Chandigarh are equipped with the facility of drinking water.
- (f) Teachers and Principal supervise and taste food for checking the quality of food.
- (g) Almost 70% to 100% children enrolled in schools are eating in the school. Only few carry Tiffin from home. Especially students of grades VI to VIII (100 out of 700 students) of GSSS-38 (W) are not eating food in school.
- (h) The Menu has been fixed for a week and distributed to all the schools. Normally basic menu remains the same.
- (i) Almost all the schools visited by MI during August 2008- January 2009, reported that health check up is done once a year in Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Sector-32, General Hospital, Sector-16, PGI- Sector-12 etc. depending upon the vicinity of the school within any of these Hospitals/Dispensaries. Some of the issues raised by Schools to MI were:
  - Time of delivery of the food is not fixed.
  - Chapattis which are served are very hard and over baked and children do not eat them willingly.
  - Very often rice is not properly cooked.

- Quality of food needs improvement
- Some more variety should be added into the menu.
- A few enthusiastic teachers (Home Science) have even worked out a menu which gives variety and also, can be prepared within the prescribed cost like Jaggary products, Gurka laddu, Pinni /mungfali, Panjiri etc

JS (EE-I) requested the UT Government to critically review the position in the light of analysis/observations as mentioned above and to take corrective steps immediately.

#### 7. State's Proposal and PAB-MDM approval for FY 2010-11

Based on the discussions and achievement under the scheme during financial year 2009-10, the PAB-MDM approved the following for quantifying the Central assistance for UT of Chandigarh for Mid Day Meal Scheme for 2010-11:-

No.	Details	UT's Proposal for FY 2010-11		Approved by PAB-MDM	
		No. of Schools	No. of Children	No. of Schools	No. of Children
<b>1</b>	<b>Type of Schools</b>				
	<b>Primary</b>				
1.1	Govt. + Govt. aided + LB schools	15	37432	15	37432
1.2	EGS/AIE	25	4259	25	4259
1.3	Madarsa/Maqtabs	0	250	0	250
	<b>TOTAL (A)</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40824</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40824</b>
	<b>Upper Primary</b>				
1.4	Govt. + Govt. aided + LB schools	98	22484	98	22484
1.5	EGS/ AIE	168	902	168	902
1.6	Madarsa/Maqtabs	5	0	5	0
	<b>TOTAL (B)</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>23386</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>23386</b>

No.	Details	UT's Proposal for FY 2010-11		Approved by PAB-MDM	
	GRAND TOTAL (A) +(B)	311	640210	311	640210
2	No. of Working days				
2.1	Primary	237		230	
2.2	Upper Primary	237		230	
		No. of cooks/ Units			
3.	Cook-cum-helpers	750		750	
4.	Kitchen cum stores	No Proposal		-	

It was further clarified that the above quantification is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance during 2010-11 under MDM Scheme. This scheme clearly provides that every student attending the Institutions, eligible to be covered under the Scheme will be served mid day meal on all school days. Therefore, the State will provide meal to all such students irrespective of the approved numbers of students and working days. In the event of State govt. finding on the basis of attendance register maintained at School level that the average number of children availing mid day meal (actual) and the working days are more than the above approved figures, it may approach the GOI with evidence as soon as possible for enhancement of Central Assistance. D/o School Education & Literacy with the approval of the Secretary will take a decision in this regard and put up the matter for post facto approval to the PAB-MDM.

The above position should be clarified to all the field functionaries, so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every student attending school is fed on all school working days irrespective of the above approvals and submit their proposal for enhancing the resources, if needed, to their higher authority.

The working of Central Assistance for the UT of Chandigarh for 2010-11 based on the above mentioned number of children and no. of working days as approved by the PAB-MDM is enclosed herewith as Annexure-II.

## 8. UTTAR PRADESH

8.1 Shri. Anoop Chandra Pandey, Principal Secretary (Basic Education), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh highlighted the performance under the Mid Day Meal Scheme and initiatives taken by the State Government in implementation of the MDM Scheme. Shri Amod Kumar, Special Secretary and Director, MDM Authority, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh made a power point presentation on the State's Annual Work Plan & Budget, 2010-11. The salient features of the presentation were as follows:-

- i) The MDM scheme has covered 1,05,815 primary schools and 46,686 Upper primary schools during 2009-10 with enrollment of 15865317 and 44,80,139 students respectively as on 30th September.
- ii) Mid Day Meal Authority established under the department of Basic Education is the Nodal agency for implementation of MDM scheme in the State.
- iii) Revision of Cooking Cost: Prior to revision the cooking cost at primary level was Rs.2.50 per child per day in which State contribution was Rs. 0.92. At upper primary level the cooking cost was Rs.3.00 per child per day and State share was Rs. 0.90. State Government revised the cooking cost and honorarium of cook-cum-helpers as per revised norm and made it effective from 26.12.2009. After the revision, the cooking cost at primary level is Rs. 2.50 per child per day in which State contribution is Rs. 0.62. At upper primary level the cooking cost is Rs. 3.75 per child per day in which State's share is Rs. 0.94. From 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 the cooking cost will be further revised by 7.5%.
- iv) Implementing agencies:
  - a. Gram Pradhan in Rural Areas (except Mathura, where it is given to Akshaypatra, an NGO).
  - b. Ward Members/NGOs in Urban Areas
  - c. Mahila Samakhya in selected schools of rural areas of 16 districts

- v) **Foodgrains Management:** The Food Corporation of India provides grains to regional godowns of State Food Corporation and State Marketing department, from where it goes to Block level godowns and finally to fair price shops. The kotedars (fair price shop owner) lift the foodgrain from the block godown and supplies it to implementing agencies.
- vi) **Fund Flow under MDM:** The State government makes budgetary provision for the conversion cost which is released to the District Magistrates. The District Magistrates deposit it in Gram Nidhi-V in the rural areas; and in urban areas they hand it over to Nagar Nigams, Nagar Palika, Nagar Panchayats etc, as the case may be. In areas where NGO's are in operation, the conversion cost is given to them according to the bills raised by them after verification from the education department.
- vii) **Monitoring of the Scheme:** There is an independent Mid-Day Meal Authority under a Director with Chief Secretary being the Chairman of State level Governing Body. Director, Mid Day Meal Authority is assisted by Additional Director, Joint Director, Deputy Directors, Asstt. Directors, Finance Controller & Chief Finance Officer. At Districts and block level there are task forces headed by the District Magistrate and Sub Divisional Magistrate respectively.
- viii) **Nodal agency for construction of kitchen cum store:** Kitchen sheds are constructed by the Village Education Committee.
- ix) **Monitoring & Evaluation:** External evaluation of impact of the Mid-Day Meal programme is being done by Giri Institute, Lucknow, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Lucknow University, Lucknow & Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur in different districts of the State. The report of above monitoring institutions is awaited.

Director, MDM submitted that 15% of MME for external evaluation is a big amount that remains unspent whereas 35% is less for Management supervision, Training and internal monitoring. He has requested that to club the 35% (for management, supervision, training and internal monitoring) and 15% (for research and evaluation norms) and make it 50% for external and internal evaluation, training etc.

JS(E.E.I) informed about similar demand being received from various States/UTs and it is under active consideration of the Ministry. As soon as a decision is taken in this regard by the competent authority it will be communicated.

- x) **Implementation of programme in Drought affected areas during summer vacation in 2010-11:** Requirement of Central assistance towards foodgrains, cooking assistance and transport assistance for 2010-11 for 58 drought affected districts has been given in the AWP&B 2010-11 proposal for the children to be fed during this summer vacation.
- xi) **Efforts in MDM:** Training Programme on hygiene and sanitation for Gram pradhan and cooks have been conducted with the help of Panchayati Raj Department. De-worming and health checkup programme have been conducted in coordination with the Health Department.
- xii) **Innovations in MDM under MME Plan:** For strengthening the monitoring, supervision and evaluation of Mid Day Meal Scheme right from the schools / blocks, districts and State levels, a detailed proposal of MME plan has been prepared and included in the AWP&B 2010-11. Director, MDM, Government of Uttar Pradesh highlighted the MME plan and requested to increase MME fund to execute additional innovative proposals for intense monitoring and timely interventions in the Mid Day Meal Scheme, the proposals are as under:
  - a. **Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS):** To ensure regular serving of hot MDM in all schools, intensive monitoring and timely interventions at grass root level is required. To strengthen vigorous monitoring of the Scheme, a system of Interactive Voice Response System is being proposed. This system will enable us to collect data regarding number of schools / institutions where MDM was served and the number of students availing MDM directly from head teacher of schools on daily basis. The annual cost for the IVRS is approximately Rs. 400 lakh.
  - b. **Block / town area MDM cell:** Director, MDM Authority, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh mentioned that a District MDM Cell have been established in all the districts and divisions and District / Divisional Coordinator and computer operator for each



districts / divisions MDM cell have been appointed on contractual basis under Mid Day Meal Scheme. He added that on an average there are about 2000-2500 schools in a district, so it is nearly impossible for a District Coordinator to effectively monitor all the schools and intervene timely in the district. To improve the physical monitoring of this important Scheme to an intense level, a block / town area MDM cell is required. He stated that the annual cost of the block / town area MDM cell is approximately Rs. 947.58 lakh for all the blocks of the State.

- c. **School level expenses:** At present MME is provided @. 1.8% of the Central assistance admissible to State. He further added that above mentioned innovative programmes cannot be executed under the existing level of funding under the MME. He requested to increase the MME rate from 1.8% to 3.56% of the Central assistance. He informed that the First Review Mission which visited Uttar Pradesh in February, 2010 also appreciated the need for IVRS and block / town area MDM cells for effective monitoring of the Scheme in the State.

Secretary(SE&L) advised that State level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee is the competent authority to approve the MME plan of the State. She also mentioned that though it is a good suggestion but at this point of time the change in MME rate is not possible as it is the decision of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs. She further added that States have been requested to submit a detailed MME plan as UP has done. Based on the requirement of States, it will be possible to increase the MME entitlement. Until this revision takes place, the State will have to manage within the Central assistance admissible under MME.

Principal Secretary, Basic Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh submitted that the Central assistance under MME is not sufficient for introducing IVRS and block / town area MDM cell.

JS(EE-I) suggested that State may consider convergence with MME fund available under SSA as the information proposed to be collected under IVRS are to be used by SSA also. The other option could be to prioritise the activities so that the MME expenditure should be limited within the allocation of MME fund.

9. Shri Gaya Prasad, Director(MDM), Government of India presented an analysis of the Performance of the State in the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme during the first three quarters of the year 2009-10 i.e. April to December, 09. The presentation highlighted the following points:

- i) **Coverage of Schools:** All the 1,29,538 schools comprising of 1,05,026 primary schools and 24,512 Upper primary schools had been covered by the State under MDM.
- ii) **No. of children:** The PAB-MDM has approved Central assistance for 1,53,52,393 children [1,26,56,111 (Primary) + 26,96,282 (Upper Primary)]. On an average [97,91,677 (77% of approval) children in primary and 26,55,583 (99 % of approval) children in upper primary] availed mid day meal.
- iii) **No. of working days:** The PAB-MDM has approved 149 working days for the first three quarters of 2009-10. Against this, State had served MDM on 150 working days at both primary and upper primary stages.
- iv) **Availability & Utilization of Food grains:** Considering that three-fourth of the year was over by 31-12-09, the districts should have lifted at least 85% and utilized about 75% of the food grains allocation. The gross allocation for 2009-10 was 342360.95 MTs and the availability of the food grain with the State was 243543.71 MTs (71% of allocation). The State utilized 217011.84 MTs (63%) of the food grains allocation.
- v) **Utilization of Cooking Cost:** The gross allocation for 2009-10 was Rs. 813.34 crores and the availability of the cooking cost with the State was Rs. 755.92 Crore (93% of allocation). The State utilized Rs. 509.72 crore (63%) of the cooking cost allocation.
- vi) **Utilization of Transport Assistance:** An amount of Rs. 2567.72 Lakhs was available for central assistance towards transport cost during 2009-10, whereas the State has shown utilization of Rs 559.49 lakhs till 31.12.2009.
- vii) **Utilization of MME:** The MME grant of Rs. 1331.97 lakhs was available with the State. State has made an expenditure of Rs. 700.77 lakhs.

viii) **Construction of Kitchen sheds:** Central assistance of Rs. 502.17 Crore has been released towards construction of 83696 kitchen sheds during 2006-07 to 2008-09 for primary and upper primary stage. The State has reported that an amount of Rs. 464 Crore has been spent on 79592 kitchen sheds (Constructed and in Progress) till 31.12.2009. An amount of Rs. 247.83 Crore has been released for construction of 38876 kitchen-cum-stores during 2009-10. The existing gap of kitchen-cum-store is 9112 including the Government aided schools in the State.

ix) **Procurement of Kitchen devices:** Central assistance of Rs. 72.20 Crore has been released towards procurement of 144403 units during 2006-07 to 2008-09 for primary and upper primary stage. The State has reported an expenditure of Rs. 72.03 Crore for procurement of 144059 units till 31.12.2009.

10. **Observations of Monitoring Institution (MI):**

a). **Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow (District- Siddharth Nagar)**

- Regularity in serving meal Primary-81% and Upper primary -69%
- Most of the schools have received cooking cost late.
- Most of the schools display of menu on walls
- Community participation is good in the State.

b). **Centre of Advanced Development Research Lucknow (UP) (11 districts monitored)**

- Regularity in serving meal in Primary 85.9% and Upper primary 88.9%
- Regularity in delivering of cooking cost to schools (Received by VECs) in Primary-90.8% and Upper primary 91.5%
- No gender or caste or community discrimination was found in cooking or serving meal.
- MDM as per menu Percentage of Primary schools 85.6% and Upper primary 87.4%
- About 91 percent students of Primary schools and 90.4 percent students of upper primary schools were satisfied with the quality of meal.

**c). G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad**

- In the majority of sample schools, the hot cooked meal was being provided on daily basis. However, there has also been interruptions. Out of 105 schools visited, about 17 percent schools were not providing MDM and in another about 6 percent schools, the MDM was not being given regularly.
- The schools have been receiving the food grains regularly. Out of 101 schools, 87 (over 86 percent) schools have received food grains late.
- No buffer stock has been maintained in the schools.
- Schools have not been receiving the cooking cost in advance. There has been a delay in delivering the cooking cost. The delay has generally been of 2 to 3 months.
- Cooking cost is being paid through the banking channel
- In all the 87 schools visited by the MI, no gender or caste or community based discrimination in cooking or serving or sitting arrangements has been observed. The children were made to sit together and took cooked food in the same manner, irrespective of gender, caste and community level variations that existed among them.
- Weekly menu for MDM has been displayed in about 82 percent schools.
- In most of the schools, the same food items were being served daily. The MDM had primarily been a rice consumption meal.
- Mostly they served rice followed by wheat preparation, sometimes the Dal and vegetables were also served but not as frequently as the rice was.
- Children were happy with quality of food in about 62 percent of the schools.

Secretary(SE&L) directed the State officials to look in to the issues raised by the monitoring institutions and submit a detailed action taken note on the deficiencies pointed out by monitoring institutions.

**11. PAB-MDM approval for 2010-11:**

Based on the discussions and achievement under this Scheme during financial year 2009-10, the PAB-MDM approved the following for quantifying the Central assistance for **Uttar Pradesh** for Mid Day Meal for 2010-11:-

S.No	Details	State's Proposal for FY 2010-11		Approved by PAB-MDM	
1	Type of Schools	No. of Schools	No. of Children	No. of Schools	No. of Children
<b>Primary</b>					
1.1	Govt. + Govt. aided + LB schools	104338	9959866	104338	10100000
1.2	EGS/AIE	1152	51478	1152	
1.3	Madarsa / Maqtab	325	60974	325	
1.4	Primary upgraded as secondary schools and attach primary with secondary schools	500	38941	500	
1.5	NCLP	2075	103750	2075	103750
	<b>TOTAL (A)</b>	<b>108390</b>	<b>10215009</b>	<b>108390</b>	<b>10203750</b>
<b>Upper Primary</b>					
1.6	Govt. + Govt. aided + LB schools	46588	2758865	46588	2764000
1.7	EGS/AIE	0	0	0	
1.8	Madarsa / Maqtab	98	8790	98	
1.9	Upper Primary upgraded secondary schools and upper primary classes in secondary schools	5195	760347	5195	760347
	<b>TOTAL (B)</b>	<b>51881</b>	<b>3528002</b>	<b>51881</b>	<b>3524347</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL (A) +(B)</b>	<b>160271</b>	<b>13743011</b>	<b>160271</b>	<b>13728097</b>
2	No. of Working days				
2.1	Primary		240		220
2.2	Upper Primary		240		220
2.3	NCLP School		281		281
3	No. of Cooks-cum Helpers (PY+UPY+NCLP)		434032		434032
4	Kitchen-cum store		9112		9112

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S.No	Details	State's Proposal for FY 2010-11	Approved by PAB-MDM
1	Type of Schools	No. of Children	No. of Children
	Primary		

1.1	Govt. + Govt. aided + LB schools	8234151	8234151
1.2	EGS/AIE	44122	44122
1.3	Madarsa/Maqtab	50578	50578
	<b>TOTAL (A)</b>	<b>8328852</b>	<b>8328852</b>
	<b>Upper Primary</b>		
1.4	Govt. + Govt. aided + LB schools	2286958	2286958
1.5	EGS/AIE	0	0
1.6	Madarsa/Maqtab	5017	5017
	<b>TOTAL (B)</b>	<b>2291975</b>	<b>2291975</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL (A) +(B)</b>	<b>10620827</b>	<b>10620827</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>No. of Working days</b>		
2.1	Primary	41	41
2.2	Upper Primary	41	41
<b>3</b>	<b>No. of Cooks-cum Helpers (PY+UPY) (For one month)</b>	<b>337123</b>	<b>337123</b>

It was mentioned that the above quantification is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance during 2010-11 under MDM Scheme. This scheme clearly provides that every student attending the Institutions, eligible to be covered under the Scheme will be served mid day meal on all school days. Therefore, the State will provide meal to all such students irrespective of the approved numbers of students and working days. In the event of State govt. finding on the basis of attendance register maintained at school level that the average number of children availing mid day meal and the working days are more than the above, it may approach the GOI with evidence at the earliest for enhancement of Central Assistance. D/o School Education & Literacy with the approval of the Secretary will take a decision in this regard and put up the matter for post facto approval to the PAB-MDM.

The above position should be clarified to all the field functionaries, so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every student attending school is fed on all school working days irrespective of the above approvals and submit their proposal for enhancing the resources, if needed, to their higher authority.

The working of Central Assistance for the State of Uttar Pradesh for 2010-11 based on the above mentioned number of children and no. of working days as approved by the PAB-MDM is enclosed herewith as Annexure-III.

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CHANDIGARHQUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2010-11  
as per approval of PAB-MDM1. Food grains:

No.	Stage	Approved by PAB-MDM		Quantity in MTs.
		No. of Children approved	No. of Working days	
1	Primary (@ 100 gms)	40824	230	938.95
2	Upper Primary (@150 gms.)	23386	230	806.82
TOTAL				1745.77

2. Component-wise Cost:

No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)
	2	3
I. Primary		
1	Cost of foodgrains = Rice – 563.37 @ Rs.5650/-per MT and Wheat – 375.58 @ Rs 4150/- per MTs.	47.42
2.	Cooking cost	
i.	Centre Share @ Rs. 2.02 per child/day (40824 x 230 x days x Rs. 2.02)	189.67
ii.	Minimum UT Share – Cooking Cost @ 0.67 (40824 x 230 days x Rs. 0.67)	62.90
3	Cost of Transportation @ Rs. 750.00 MT (40824 x 230 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs. 750 )	7.04
4	Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers @ 1000 / month	
i	Central share (472 x 750 x 10)	35.4
ii	Minimum UT Share (472x 250 x 10)	11.80

5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) 1.8% of cost of foodgrains, cooking cost and cost of transportation and cook cum helper)	5.03
TOTAL (Primary)		284.56
II. Upper Primary		
1	Cost of foodgrains= Rice – 484.09 @ Rs.5650/-per MT and Wheat – 322.73 @ Rs 4150/- per MTs.	40.74
2.	Cooking cost	
i.	Central Share @ Rs.3.02 per child/day ( 23386 x 230 days x Rs.3.02 )	162.44
ii.	Minimum UT Share – Cooking Cost @ 1.01 (23386 x 230 x days x Rs. 1.01)	54.32
3	Cost of Transportation @ Rs. 750.00 MT 23386 x 230 days x 0.00015 x Rs. 750 )	6.05
4	Honorarium to Cook cum-helpers @ 1000 / month	
i	Central Share (278 x750 x 10)	20.85
ii	Minimum UT Share (278 x 250 x 10)	6.95
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) 1.8% of cost of foodgrains, cooking cost and cost of transportation and cook cum Helper	4.14
6	Kitchen cum stores	Nil
Total (Upper Primary)(1+2(i)3+4(i)+5)		234.22
GRAND TOTAL I. Primary + II. Upper Primary		518.78

**UTTAR PRADESH**  
**QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2010-11**  
**as per approval of PAB-MDM**

**1. Food grains:**

No.	Stage	Approved by PAB-MDM		Quantity in MTs.
		No. of Children	No. of Working days	
1	Primary (@ 100 gms)	10100000	220	222200.00
2	Upper Primary (@150 gms.)	3524347	220	116303.45
3	NCLP (@ 100 gms)	103750	281	2915.38
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13728097</b>		<b>341418.83</b>

**2. Component-wise cost:**

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)
<b>I. Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 5650/- for rice & Rs. 4150/- for wheat per MT	11454.41
2	Cooking Cost	
i	Centre share:-Cooking cost @ Rs. 2.02 per child/day (10100000x 220 days x Rs. 2.02)	44884.40
ii	Minimum state share:- Cooking cost @ Rs. 0.67 per child/day (10100000x 220 days x Rs.0.67)	14887.40
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750.00 MT (10100000X 220 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs. 750 )	1666.50
4	Honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers	
i.	Central Share (305660X Rs.750 X10 months)	22924.5
ii.	Minimum State share (305660X Rs.250 X10 months)	7641.5
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) 1.8% of cost of foodgrains, cooking cost, cost of transportation & honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers)	1456.74
<b>TOTAL (1+2(i) +3+4(i)+5)</b>		<b>82386.55</b>

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)
<b>II. Upper Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 5650/- for rice & Rs. 4150/- for wheat per MT	5995.44
2	Cooking Cost	
i	Center share:-Cooking cost @ Rs. 3.02 per child/day (3524347x 220 days x Rs. 3.02)	23415.76
ii	Minimum state share:-Cooking cost @ Rs. 1.01 per child/day (3524347x 220 days x Rs. 1.01)	7831.10
3	Cost transportation @ Rs. 750.00 MT (3524347x 220 days x 0.00015 x Rs.750)	872.28
4	Honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers	
i.	Central Share (124222X Rs.750 X10 months)	9316.65
ii.	Minimum State share (124222X Rs.250 X10 months)	3105.55
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) 1.8% of cost of foodgrains , cooking cost, cost of transportation & honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers)	712.80
<b>TOTAL (1+2(i) +3+4(i)+5)</b>		40312.93
<b>III. NCLP</b>		
1	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 5650/- for rice & Rs. 4150/- for wheat per MT	150.29
2	Cooking Cost	
i	Centre share:-Cooking cost @ Rs. 2.02 per child/day (103750x 281 days x Rs. 2.02)	588.91
ii	Minimum state share:- Cooking cost @ Rs. 0.67 per child/day (103750x 281 days x Rs.0.67)	195.33
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750.00 MT (103750X 281 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs. 750 )	21.87
4	Honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers	

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)
i.	Central Share (4150 X Rs.750 X10 months)	311.25
ii.	Minimum State share ( 4150X Rs.250 X10 months)	103.75
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) 1.8% of cost of foodgrains, cooking cost, cost of transportation & honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers)	19.30
TOTAL (1+2(i) +3+4(i)+5)		1091.62
TOTAL (Primary + U. Primary +NCLP)		123791.10
IV.	Kitchen-cum-stores (9112 Units)	
i	Central Share State Schedule Rate Rs. 64000/- per unit	5831.68
ii	Minimum State Share Rate Rs. 21000/- per unit	1943.89
TOTAL		129622.78

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1. Food grains:

S.No.	Stage	Approved by PAB-MDM		Quantity in MTs.
		No. of Children	No. of Working days	
1	Primary (@ 100 gms)	8328852	41	34148.29
2	Upper Primary (@150 gms.)	2291975	41	14095.65
	TOTAL	10620827		48243.94

2. Component-wise Cost:

S. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)
<b>I. Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 5650/- for rice & Rs. 4150/- for wheat per MT	1760.34
2	Cooking cost	

S. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)
i	Center share: Cooking cost @ Rs. 2.02 per child/day (8328852x 41 days x Rs. 2.02)	6897.96
ii	Minimum state share:- Cooking cost @ Rs. 0.67 per child/day (8328852x 41 days x Rs. 0.67)	2287.94
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750.00 MT (8328852X 41 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs. 750 )	256.11
4	Honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers	
i.	Central Share ( 248055X Rs.750 X1 months)	1860.41
ii.	Minimum State share ( 248055X Rs.250 X1 months)	620.14
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) 1.8% of cost of foodgrains, cooking cost, cost of transportation & honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers)	193.95
<b>TOTAL (1+2(i) +3+4(i)+5)</b>		<b>10968.77</b>
<b>II. Upper Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 5650/- for rice & Rs. 4150/- for wheat per MT	726.63
2	Cooking cost	
i	Center share: Cooking cost @ Rs. 3.02 per child/day (2291975x 41 days x Rs. 3.02)	2837.92
ii	Minimum state share:-Cooking cost @ Rs. 1.01 per child/day (2291975x 41 days x Rs. 1.01)	949.11
3	Cost transportation @ Rs. 750.00 MT (2291975x 41 days x 0.00015 x Rs.750)	105.72
4	Honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers	
i.	Central Share ( 89068X Rs.750 X1 months)	668.01
ii.	Minimum State share ( 89068X Rs.250 X1 months)	222.67
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) 1.8% of cost of foodgrains, cooking cost, cost of transportation & honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers)	78.09
<b>TOTAL (1+2(i) +3+4(i)+5)</b>		<b>4416.37</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15385.14</b>