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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid-Day Meal Scheme in respect of State of Assam held on 18th May, 2018.

The meeting of Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal Scheme to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2018-19 in respect of **State of Assam** was held on **18.05.2018** at New Delhi.

2. A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is enclosed for information & necessary action.
3. The Annual Work Plan & Budget 2018-19 has the approval of Secretary (SE&L).


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11.	Shri Preetom Saikia Commissioner & Secretary (School Education) Government of Assam Guwahati-781009	12.	Smt. Aruna Rajouri State Project Director, (School Education) Government of Assam Guwahati-781009
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17.	Shri Biraj Patnaik, Principal Advisor, Office of Supreme Court Commissioner, B-68, 2 nd Floor, Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi – 110001	18.	Shri J.H. Panwal, Joint Technical Advisor, Food and Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, R.No. 103, Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001.
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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board - Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM)
on 18.05.2018 – Assam.**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 18th May, 2018. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed at *Annexure-I*.

The agenda before the PAB-MDM was:

- i. To review the status and progress of the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the State of Assam.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of Assam for MDM Scheme.

2. Mrs. Ritu Aggarwal, Deputy Secretary, MDM and Member Secretary, PAB welcomed the members of PAB-MDM and other participants. She requested Shri V Shashank Shekhar, Joint Secretary (EE.I) to make his opening remarks. Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated State Government's good practices/initiatives viz. provision of supplementary nutritive items to children, installation of multi-tap facilities for group hand washing, development of kitchen gardens in school campus, provision of MDM calendars to schools for spreading awareness, organization of "Gunotsav" for inspection of each school by State officials.

3. Sh. Preetom Saikia, Commissioner & Secretary, Elementary Education, Govt. of Assam briefed the PAB about the steps taken by the State for implementation of the scheme in Assam. Ms. Aruna Rajoria, Mission Director, SSA & State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam made a presentation on the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during 2017-18 and the initiatives taken by the State Government for improving the effectiveness of the scheme along with proposals for 2018-19. Shri Rajat Gupta, Senior Consultant, Technical Support Group-Mid Day Meal (TSG-MDM), Ed.CIL India Ltd. also presented an analysis of the performance of the State in the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during 2017-18.

4. The following issues were discussed during the meeting:

4.1 Coverage of children: It was informed that average coverage of children against enrolment during 2017-18 was 97% and 91% in primary and upper primary respectively which is well above the national average of 76%. It was further informed that there is a decline in the enrolment and coverage of children in absolute terms under primary category in the FY 2017-18 as compared to FY 2016-17. JS(EE.I), Govt. of India enquired from the State Govt. the reasons for the decline. State Nodal Officer, Govt. of Assam informed that the State Govt. organized "Gunotsav" under which all the schools of the State were inspected by the officials of State. She further added that under "Gunotsav", enrolment in schools was validated and there was a de-duplication of over 2 lakh in enrolment. JS(EE.I) advised the State to share a detailed report of the same with Govt. of India.

4.2 Interruption in MDM serving in some schools as per AMS: It was informed that as per Automated Monitoring System(AMS), there was interruption in serving of MDM in some of the schools in the month of March, 2018. State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam

informed that the State Govt. is regularly monitoring the AMS reports and would take necessary action to ensure regular serving of meals in all the schools.

4.3 Kitchen cum store: It was mentioned that the construction of 5122 kitchen-cum-stores is yet to be started. State Nodal Officer, MDM, Govt. of Assam mentioned that these 5122 units of kitchen-cum-stores were sanctioned @ Rs. 60.000/- per unit in the year 2008-09. She added that the State Govt. was not able to construct these kitchen-cum-stores at this cost as the prices have escalated over the years. Deputy Secretary (MDM) informed that it was decided in PAB-MDM meeting held during 2017-18 that State may surrender the funds sanctioned in the year 2008-09 for 5122 kitchen-cum-stores to Govt. of India and funds may be sanctioned by Govt. of India to State for construction of 5122 units as per the plinth area norms. She further added that till date, the State has not yet surrendered the requisite funds to Govt. of India to enable this department to further consider sanctioning of funds as per plinth area norms and current SORs prevailing in the State. State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam assured that the State Government would surrender the requisite amount within one month and send the revised proposal accordingly.

4.4 Payment to FCI: It was mentioned that as per FCI statement, the State needs to make pending payment of Rs. 9.94 crore of FCI with respect to cost of foodgrains. State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam informed that as on 30th April, 2018, the pendency has been reduced to Rs.6.85 crore (Rs.0.41 crore in 2016-17 and Rs.6.44 crore in 2017-18). She assured that complete payment to FCI for the FY 2016-17 & 2017-18 will be made within May, 2018.

4.5 MME Utilization: It was mentioned that the State had utilized only 59% of MME against allocation. JS(EE.I), Govt. of India enquired the reasons for low utilization of MME. State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam informed that the State Govt. had decided to provide aprons and head gears to cook-cum-helpers from the MME component. Accordingly, State Govt. had floated e-tender for the purpose, but the process could not be completed during the FY 2017-18 resulting into less utilization of MME fund. She assured that the requisite process would be completed soon and accordingly utilization of MME would improve during the Financial Year 2018-19.

4.6 Mismatch in utilization of cooking cost and food grains: It was informed that there is a mismatch (10%) in utilization of food grains (85%) and cooking cost (95%). State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam informed that the mismatch is due to the fact that children under primary and upper primary category are not able to consume 100 gms and 150 gms of rice respectively.

4.7 Provision of safe drinking water: Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that the State has not shared the data on availability of water filtration facility in schools. He advised the State officials to collect the requisite information and also ensure that all schools have safe drinking water facility. State Nodal Officer, Govt. of Assam informed that the State will collect the information on availability of water filters in schools and ensure availability of the same in the schools.

4.8 Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee: As per the information provided, 324 meetings of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the District collector have taken place in 27 out of 32 numbers of districts. As per MDM guidelines at least one meeting per month should be held. JS (EE.I) advised

the State to ensure that these meetings are held regularly. State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam assured to take necessary steps in this regard.

4.9 Use of Millets: JS (EE.I) mentioned that Ministry of Agriculture has decided to celebrate 2018-19 as 'Year of nutri cereals (Millets)'. He further suggested the State to explore the possibilities to introduce millets or any other traditional locally available nutritional grains in Mid Day Meal Scheme.

4.10 Ayushman Bharat: Joint Secretary (EE.I) mentioned about the importance of School Health component of recently launched programme of Ayushman Bharat. Dr. Anindita Shukla, Senior Consultant, TSG-MDM, informed that under Ayushman Bharat, identified school teachers will be trained as 'Health and Wellness Ambassadors' who in turn will train the school children on Yoga & Meditation, health & hygiene, cleanliness and adolescent issues etc. She further added that provision of water purification systems of appropriate technology, Yoga & Meditation and provision of sanitary napkins for girl child in the schools are very important components in the service delivery part of School Health Component of Ayushman Bharat. Funds are also available in the programme of Menstrual Hygiene Programme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. JS (EE.I) advised the State to coordinate the efforts in this regard with the concerned departments and share the status with Dr. Anindita Shukla.

4.11 Kitchen Garden: State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam informed that 49994 schools are having kitchen garden. Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated the efforts made by the State and advised to set up kitchen gardens in all the schools where land is available. He further suggested that State Horticulture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) etc. may also be roped in for this purpose.

4.12 Other proposals made by the State: State Nodal Officer, MDMS, Govt. of Assam mentioned that the cooking cost and honorarium to cook-cum-helpers may be increased suitably. She also mentioned that there should be provision of dining halls for children.

5. PAB-MDM approvals for the year 2018-19

It was clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance during 2018-19 under the MDM Scheme. The MDM Guidelines provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served mid-day meal on all school days. In case the State Govt. finds that the average number of children availing mid-day meal and/or if the working days are more than the approved numbers by PAB-MDM, they may approach the GOI at any time with justification for additional Central Assistance.

After discussions with State officials and based on the performance during 2017-18 the PAB-MDM approved the following number of children, number of school days etc. for quantifying the Central assistance for Assam :-

5.1 State Govt.'s Proposals and PAB -MDM Approvals for 2018-19

S. No.	Component	PAB Approval 2017-18	Proposal for 2018-19	Recommendations by appraisal team
1	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	44942	43464	43464
1.2	Upper Primary	13749	13776	13776
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	2899029	2718434	2718434
2.2	Upper Primary	1349967	1332485	1332485
2.3	NCLP	7175	2654	2654
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	210	210	210
3.2	Upper Primary	220	220	220
3.3	NCLP	312	312	312
4	Cook cum Helpers			
4.1	Primary	122724	118998	118998
4.2	Upper Primary			
5	Non Recurring			
5.1	Kitchen cum Store	5122*	Nil	Nil
5.2	Kitchen Devices	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Central Assistance (Rs in Crore)			
6.1	Recurring	559.29	536.51	536.51
6.2	Non-recurring	0	0	0
6.3	Grand Total	559.29	536.51	536.51

**funds sanctioned in the year 2008-09 to be surrendered and new sanction will be as per the plinth area norms and current SORs prevailing in the State.*

6. The State is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the State and districts so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every child attending an eligible school must be served hot cooked midday meals on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-MDM.

7. The quantification of central assistance of Rs. 536.51 crore has been done as per existing norms on the basis of number of children and working days approved by PAB-MDM for the year 2018-19. The Component- wise approval of funds for 2018-19 is enclosed at Appendix-1.

QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2018-19**A. Food grains**

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	No. of Working days	Quantity in MTs.
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	2718434	210	57087.11
2	Up. Primary (@ 150 gms per child per school day)	1332485	220	43972.01
3	NCLP (@ 150 gms per child per school day)	2654	312	124.21
4	Drought			
4.1	Primary	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0
TOTAL		4053573		101183.33

B. Cost of Foodgrains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance, Hon. to cook-cum-helpers and Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME)

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000/- per MT for 57087.11MT rice	1712.61
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.13 per day / per child for 2718434 children for 210 days	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.72 per child/day	21236.41
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ 0.41 per child/day	2340.57
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1360.00 Per MT food grains (2718434x 210 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs.1360.00)	776.38
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper (Primary and Upper Primary)	
4.1	Central Share - (118998 x Rs.900x 10 months)	10709.82
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - (118998 x Rs. 100 x 10 months)	1189.98
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	619.83
TOTAL - {1+2.1 +3+4.1+5}		35055.05

Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for 43972.01 MT rice	1319.16
7	Unit Cooking Cost 6.18 per day / per child for 1332485 children for 220 days	
7.1	Central share @ Rs.5.56 per child/day	16298.96
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.62 per child/day	1817.51
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1360.00 Per MT food grains (1332485 x 220 days x 0.00015 x 1360)	598.02
9	Honorarium to cook cum Helper (Included in Primary)	
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost 3) Cost of transportation and 4) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	327.89
	TOTAL - {6+7.1 +8+10}	18544.03
NCLP		
11	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for 124.21 MT rice	3.73
12	Unit Cooking Cost 6.18 per day / per child for 2654 children for 312 days	
12.1	Central share @ Rs.5.56 per child/day	46.04
12.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.62 per child/day	5.13
13	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1360.00 Per MT food grains (2654 x 312 days x 0.00015 x 1360)	1.69
14	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost 3) Cost of transportation	0.93
	TOTAL - {11+12.1+13+14}	52.39
Grand Total (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)		53651.47

C. Drought : NIL

D. Non-recurring : NIL

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2018-19 (Rs. in lakh)

Component		As per existing norms	
		Centre	Minimum mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	53651.47	5353.19
	Drought	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0
Total		53651.47	5353.19

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