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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid-Day Meal Scheme in respect of State of Bihar held on 20th June 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 Bihar was held on 20.06.2018 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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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board - Mid Day Meal
(PAB-MDM) on 20th June, 2018, Bihar.**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 20th June, 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/UT of Bihar
 - ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of Bihar for MDM Scheme.
2. Shri G. Vijaya Bhaskar, Director, MDM and Member Secretary, PAB, welcomed the members of PAB-MDM and other participants. He 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 Rs. 250 as additional share for honorarium to CCH, tracking of CUG mobile of BRPs to monitor the field visit, monetary award to member of Vidyalaya Shikha Samiti and distribution of pamphlets for awareness of MDM.
3. Shri R K Mahajan, Principal Secretary, State Government of Bihar briefed the PAB about the technological solutions adopted by the State under MDM. Shri Vinod Kumar Singh Director (MDM), Government of Bihar, 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. Dr. Anindita Shukla, 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 61% of the enrolled children at primary and 56% at upper primary have availed MDM on an average basis during the year, which is well below the national average of 76%. JS (EE.1) raised his concern over the low coverage of children and advised the State Government to take necessary steps to increase the coverage.
- 4.2 Kitchen cum store:** It was informed that Central assistance of Rs. 45193.09 Lakh has been released for construction of 66550 Kitchen-cum-Stores. Construction has been completed for 55161 Kitchen-cum-stores and construction work is in progress for 3686 kitchen-cum-stores. The State Government has not started construction work for 7703 kitchen-cum-stores. JS (EE.1) enquired about the reasons of delay in construction and estimated timelines for their completion. Principal Secretary, Bihar, informed that State is not in position to construct these many kitchen-cum-stores for different reasons. He added that exact number of such kitchen-cum-stores will be intimated after reconciling the figures with the districts. JS (EE.I) advised the State to complete this reconciliation in one month time.

He further advised the State to surrender the central assistance along with interest accrued for such kitchen-cum-stores.

4.3 Use of LPG: It was informed that 54382 (77%) institutes are having LPG facility. JS (EE.1) advised the State to increase the LPG connections in the remaining schools considering the local conditions in mind.

4.4 Provision of safe drinking water: Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that no school in the State has water filtration facility. He advised the State officials to ensure that all schools have safe drinking water facility.

4.5 Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee: As per the information provided 294 meetings of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the District collector have taken place. JS (EE.I) advised the State to ensure that these meetings are held regularly. Principal Secretary, Bihar assured to take necessary steps in this regard.

4.6 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 in Mid Day Meal Scheme.

4.7 Data Entry on MIS-Web Portal: JS (EE.I) observed mismatch in the data submitted through AWP&B and the data entered in the MDM-MIS especially in the aspects of Utilization of food grains, cooking cost and honorarium to Cook cum helper. He advised the State Officials to develop a mechanism to ensure accuracy and quality of the data entry in MDM-MIS.

4.8 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 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.

4.9 Kitchen Garden: Director, Govt. of Bihar informed that 493 schools are having kitchen garden and work for developing kitchen gardens is under progress in 67 schools. He also added that the State is planning to setup kitchen gardens in 2455 more schools. Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated the efforts made by the State and advised to set up kitchen gardens in all 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.

4.10 Other proposals made by the State: Principal Secretary, Bihar requested for enhancing the honorarium of cook-cum-helpers, increase the transportation assistance, additional funds for provision of eggs once a week etc. these proposals are beyond the current norms under MDMS.

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 State of Bihar:-

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

S. No.	Component	PAB Approval 2017-18	Proposal for 2018-19	PAB Approval for 2018-19
1	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	42510	39891	39891
1.2	Upper Primary	30730	30404	30404
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	9030199	9030199	8113637
2.2	Upper Primary	3781988	3781988	3677094
2.3	NCLP	4000	0	0
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	245	245	245
3.2	Upper Primary	245	245	245
3.3	NCLP	312	0	0
4	Cook cum Helpers			
4.1	Primary	175843	175843	175843
4.2	Upper Primary	69473	69473	69473
5	Drought			
5.1	Children (Pry)	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.2	Children (U Pry)	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3	Working days	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Non Recurring			
6.1	Kitchen cum Store	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.2	Kitchen Devices	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.3	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil	27024	0

7	Central Assistance			
7.1	Recurring	Rs. 1198.53 crore	Rs. 1195.85 crore	Rs. 1119.41 crore
7.2	Non Recurring	Rs 0.00 crore	Rs. 13.51 crore	0
7.3	Drought	0	0	0
7.4	Total	Rs. 1198.53 crore	Rs. 1209.37 crore	Rs. 1119.41 crore

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. 1119.41 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.

State: Bihar
QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2018-19

A. Food grains

Sl.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity MTs.
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	8113637	245	198784.11
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	3677094	245	135133.20
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	0	0	
4	Drought			
4.1	Primary	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0
TOTAL		11790731		333917.31

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 198784.11MT rice	5963.52
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.13 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 2.48 per child per day	49298.46
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ 1.65 per child per day	32799.38
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750.00 Per MT food grains	1490.88
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - (Rs 600 x 10 months)	10550.58
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - (Rs. 400 x 10 months)	7033.72
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	1211.46
Total Central Share		68514.90
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for 135133.20 MT rice	4054.00
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 6.18 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs.3.71 per child per day	33422.95
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.2.47 per child per day	22251.93
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750.00 Per MT food grains	1013.50
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
9.1	Central Share -(Rs 600 x 10 months)	4168.38

9.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share- (Rs. 400 x 10 months)	2778.92
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	767.86
Total Central Share		43426.69
Grand Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary)		111941.59

C. Drought : Nil

D. Non-recurring : Nil

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2018-19

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	111941.59	64863.95
	Drought	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0
Total		111941.59	64863.95

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