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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid-Day Meal Scheme in respect of State of Sikkim held on 21st 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 Sikkim** was held on **21.06.2018** 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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11.	Sh. G. P. Upadhyaya, Addl. Chief Secretary, Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim	12.	Sh. Ugen Lepcha, Director, Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim
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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.
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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board - Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM)
on 21.06.2018 – Sikkim.**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 21st 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 of Sikkim.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of Sikkim 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. serving of fresh and locally available organic vegetables to children in MDMS, development of kitchen gardens in schools.

3. Sh. G.P. Upadhyaya, Addl. Chief Secy cum Incharge, HRD Dept., Govt. Of Sikkim briefed the PAB about the steps taken by the State for implementation of the scheme in Sikkim. Sh. Ugen Lepcha, Director (MDM), HRD Dept., Govt. Of Sikkim 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, TSG-MDM 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 87% in both primary and upper primary respectively which is above the

national average of 76%. It was further informed that there is a decline in coverage of children in absolute terms under primary as well as upper primary categories in the FY 2017-18 as compared to FY 2016-17 and 2015-16. JS(EE.I), Govt. of India enquired from the State Govt. the reasons for the decline. Addl. Chief Secretary cum In-charge, Govt. Of Sikkim informed that the said decline is due to overall decline in fertility rate and birth rate over the period of time.

4.2 Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK): Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that health check-up of only 42480 (64%) children was carried out in the State. IFA distribution has been made to 50329 (76%) and deworming tablets to 42605 (64%) children. Addl. Chief Secy cum Incharge, Govt. Of Sikkim informed that the State HRD department will coordinate with the Health department and ensure that 100% children are covered under RBSK.

4.3 Provision of safe drinking water: Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that 125 schools in the State have water filtration facility. He advised the State officials to ensure that all the schools have safe drinking water facility. Addl. Chief Secretary cum Incharge, HRD Dept., Govt. Of Sikkim informed that being a hilly State, the quality of water is generally good, however State will ensure safe drinking water supply in all the schools.

4.4 Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee: As per the information provided, only 10 meetings of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the District collector have taken place in 4 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. Addl. Chief Secretary, Govt. Of Sikkim assured to take necessary steps in this regard.

4.5 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.

4.6 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.

4.7 Kitchen Garden: Addl. Chief Secy cum Incharge, HRD Dept., Govt. Of Sikkim informed that 31 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.

4.8 Other proposals made by the State: Addl. Chief Secy cum Incharge, HRD Dept., Govt. Of Sikkim mentioned that the cooking cost, honorarium to cook-cum-helpers and funds under MME may be increased suitably. He also mentioned that Govt. of India may provide funds for repair and reconstruction of kitchen-cum-stores which are in dilapidated condition.

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 Sikkim :-

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	491	495	495
1.2	Upper Primary	372	373	373
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	34678	31348	31348
2.2	Upper Primary	29539	26676	26676
2.3	NCLP	-	-	-
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	223	224	224
3.2	Upper Primary	223	224	224
3.3	NCLP	-	-	-
4	Cook cum Helpers			
4.1	Primary	1891	1891	1891
4.2	Upper Primary			
5	Non Recurring			
5.1	Kitchen cum Store	12*	Nil	Nil
5.2	Kitchen Devices	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	97	443	443
6	Central Assistance (Rs in Crore)			
6.1	Recurring	9.25	8.56	8.56
6.2	Non-recurring	0.05	0.22	0.22
6.3	Grand Total	9.30	8.78	8.78

**Already approved by PAB-MDM 2015-16 and sanctioned as per revised SORs 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. 8.78 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)	31348	224	702.19
2	Up. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	26676	224	896.31
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	0		
4	Drought	0		
4.1	Primary	0		
4.2	Upper Primary	0		
TOTAL		58024		1598.51

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 702.20 MT rice	21.07
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.13 per day / per child for 31348 children for 224 days	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.72 per child per day	261.22
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ 0.41 per child per day	28.79
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs 1820 Per MT food grains (31348 x 224 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs.1820)	12.78
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper (Primary and Upper Primary)	
4.1	Central Share - (1891 x Rs.900x 10 months)	170.19
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - (1891 x Rs. 100 x 10 months)	18.91
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the i) Cost of food grains	8.37

	ii) Cooking cost	
	iii) Cost of transportation and	
	iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
TOTAL - {1+2.1 +3+4.1+5}		473.63
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for 896.31 MT rice	26.89
7	Unit Cooking Cost 6.18 per day / per child for 26676 children for 224 days	
7.1	Central share @ Rs.5.56 per child per day	332.23
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.62 per child per day	37.05
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1820 Per MT food grains (26676 x 224 days x 0.00015 x 1820)	16.31
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	6.76
TOTAL - {6+7.1 +8+10}		382.19
Grand Total (Primary + Upper Primary)		855.82
11	Non-Recurring Central Assistance	
11.1	Kitchen devices: 443 (Replacement)	22.15
Grand Total for recurring and non-recurring central assistance		877.97

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	855.82	84.75
	Drought	0	0

Non- recurring	22.15	0
Total	877.97	84.75

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