

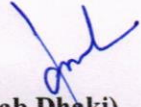
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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of School Education & Literacy
MDM Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated July 13, 2020

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 12.05.2020 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) in respect of Government of Assam under Mid-Day Meal Scheme for 2020-21.

The meeting of Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal Scheme to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2020-21 in respect of **State of Assam** was held on **12.05.2020** at New Delhi, through Video Conferencing.

2. A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is enclosed for information & necessary action.
3. The Annual Work Plan & Budget 2019-20 has the approval of Secretary (SE&L).


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1. PPS to Secretary(SE&L)
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5. Shri Rajat Gupta, Chief Consultant, TSG-MDM
6. Shri Dinesh Pradhan, Senior Consultant, TSG-MDM for uploading the minutes on MDM website.
7. Guard File.

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Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board held on 12.05.2020 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2020-21 of Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the State of Assam

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held through video conferencing on 12.05.2020. 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 in the State of Assam
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2020-21 proposal of Assam for MDM Scheme.

2. Joint Secretary (EE.I), welcomed the members of PAB-MDM. He appreciated State Government's good practices/initiatives viz. provision of supplementary nutritive items ("Sampriti Bhojan") like sweets, fruits, snacks and biscuits given to children in addition to MDM with voluntary support from the community; dissemination of information related to MDMS to all schools and offices through wall posters, hoardings and calendars; translation of Guidelines on Food Safety and Hygiene for kitchens under MDMS into local languages and distribution to the schools; setting up of School Nutrition Garden (Kitchen Gardens) in 22154 schools and installation of group hand-washing facilities in 5025 schools.

3. Principal Secretary (Education Department), Govt. of Assam, briefed the PAB about the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in the State during 2019-20 and the initiatives taken by the State Government for improving the effectiveness of the scheme and Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2020-21 proposals. Director (MDM), Govt. of India also briefed on the analysis of the performance of the State in the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during 2019-20.

4. Review of Performance during 2019-20

4.1 Coverage of children:

4.1.1 Average number of children availed MDM vis-à-vis enrolment:

The State has enrolment of 2817302 children in Primary and 1503465 children in Upper Primary, out of which, 2699047 children (96%) in Primary and 1328634 children (88%) in Upper Primary have availed MDM on an average basis during the year 2019-20.

4.1.2 Average number of children availed MDM vis-à-vis PAB-MDM Approval:

The PAB-MDM has approved 2719452 children at Primary and 1331885 children at Upper Primary level, out of which, 2699047 children (99%) at Primary and 1328634 children (100%) at Upper Primary have availed Mid Day Meal on an average basis during the year 2019-20.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts made by the State to cover 99% children in Primary classes and 100% in Upper Primary classes and advised the State to maintain the same.

4.2 School Working Days:

The PAB-MDM has approved 145 working days for Primary and 153 working days for Upper Primary upto 31.12.2019. State has covered 141 days at Primary and 149 days at Upper Primary.

Comments of PAB: The State was advised to take necessary steps to ensure the coverage of all working days at both Primary as well as Upper Primary levels.

4.3 Fund Flow Mechanism

As per information provided by the State, all funds like Cooking Cost, Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers, Cost of food grains, Transportation cost, MME is released to the concerned levels through RTGS/NEFT mode from State Nodal Office. Cooking cost is released to the SMC's bank accounts directly through RTGS from State Nodal Office. Monthly Honorarium of Cook cum Helpers is released directly to their individual bank accounts through RTGS from State Nodal Office. Funds for Cost of Foodgrains (rice) and transportation cost are released directly to the bank accounts of District Nodal Office (DNO), MDM through RTGS from State Nodal Office. District Nodal Office releases the funds for cost of Foodgrains (rice) and Transportation cost to the FCI authority through RTGS. It was observed that there is a delay of 2 to 3 months in release of funds from State to school level.

Comments of PAB: The State was advised to take necessary steps to ensure timely release of funds to school level.

4.4 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):

State has reported utilization of 43% of the funds under MME during the first 3 quarters of 2019-20.

Comments of PAB: PAB emphasized on the importance of monitoring for better implementation of the scheme and advised State to ensure full utilization of the funds under MME.

4.5 Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and Honorarium

State has engaged 118998 CCH vis-à-vis PAB-MDM approval of 118998.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated efforts made by the State to engage all the approved CCH and advised the State to ensure timely payment of Honorarium.

4.6 Kitchen-cum-Stores (New as well as Repair):

Central Assistance of Rs. 46885.36 Lakh has been released for Construction of 56795 Kitchen-cum-Stores. As on 31.12.2019, Construction has been completed for 51192 (90%) Kitchen-cum-Stores and Construction work is in progress for 481 Kitchen-cum-Stores. The State of Assam has not started any Construction work for Kitchen-cum-Stores in 5122 (9%) schools. State of Assam was sanctioned Repair of 28968 Kitchen-cum-Stores with an outlay of Rs 2896.80 Lakh, which comprised of Rs 2607.12 Lakh as Central share and Rs 289.68 Lakh as State share. However, the State has not submitted the detailed proposal (along with Schedule of Rates approved by the State Government and list of schools including UDISE codes) for the same resulting into non-release of funds to the State Government. During PAB-MDM meeting held in 2019-20, State was advised to surrender the funds for 5122 Kitchen-cum-Stores sanctioned in the year 2008-09 (sanctioned @Rs. 60,000 per unit) and submit the revised proposal as per plinth area norms and SoRs prevailing in the State by 31st August, 2019. However the State has neither surrendered the funds nor sent the revised proposal.

Comments of PAB: The State was advised to submit the detailed proposal for Repair of 28968 Kitchen-cum-Stores along with Schedule of Rates approved by the State Government and list of schools including UDISE codes by 31st August, 2020. The State was also advised to surrender the funds pertaining to 5122 Kitchen-cum-Stores and submit the revised proposal as per plinth area norms and current SoRs prevailing in the State by 30th September, 2020.

4.7 Kitchen Devices (New as well as Replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs. 3113.35 Lakh has been released towards procurement of 62267 units of Kitchen Devices during 2006-07 to 2019-20. The State of Assam has reported that all 62267 (100%) units of Kitchen Devices have been procured. Central Assistance of Rs. 569.70 Lakh was further released during 2015-16 for the Replacement of 11394 units of Kitchen Devices. Against this, the State has procured all 11394 Kitchen Devices. The State of Assam was also sanctioned 20 new Kitchen Devices sanctioned in the year 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs 4.70 Lakh, which comprises of Rs 4.23 Lakh as Central share and Rs 0.47 Lakh as State share. However, the State has not submitted the detailed proposal (along with list of schools including UDISE codes) for the same resulting into non-release of funds to the State Government.

Comments of PAB: The State was advised to submit the detailed proposal (along with list of schools including UDISE codes) for 20 units of New Kitchen Devices sanctioned in 2019-20.

4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens :

Out of 53427 schools, 22154 schools in the State of Assam are having Nutrition Gardens and setting up of Kitchen Gardens is in progress in 11550 schools.

Comments of PAB: The State was advised to develop Nutrition Gardens in all the remaining schools.

4.9 School Health Programme (Rashtritya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Weekly Iron & Folic Acid Supplementation, National De-worming Day etc.) and Nutrition in convergence with other Ministries:

It was observed that Health check up has been carried out for 24,37,781 (56%) children, out of total enrolment of 43,20,767 children.

Enrolment	No. of Children		
	Health check up (RBSK)	Iron & Folic Acid tablets (WIFS)	De-worming tablets (NDD)
43,20,767	24,37,781	38,95,812	29,07,934

Comments of PAB: State was advised to ensure 100% coverage on all three parameters in convergence with Ministry of Health & Family welfare. State was also advised to develop monitoring mechanism for effective implementation of these programmes.

4.10 Tithi Bhojan or similar practices

“Tithi Bhojan” is an initiative started by the States and UTs with different nomenclature, with an aim to provide additional nutrition to children studying in schools. Under this program, community provides full meal or additional items on special occasions such as festivals, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages, and days of national importance etc. It was emphasized that Tithi Bhojan is not a substitute to Mid Day Meal and this only supplements or complements Mid Day Meal. Guidelines on Tithi Bhojan have already been issued by MHRD. State of Assam has formalized the said initiative by the name of ‘Sampriti Bhojan’. Hoardings on ‘Sampriti Bhojan’ have been installed in two prominent places of all the districts to promote the concept and encourage people to come forward for providing food to children in the schools on special occasions.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the initiative of ‘Sampriti Bhojan’ followed by the State.

4.11 Supplementary Nutrition:

The State informed that they are not providing Supplementary Nutritive items in addition to the Mid Day Meal.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the State to submit the proposal for provision of Supplementary Nutrition under Flexibility Component.

4.12 Testing of meals :

The State informed that 17 samples of meals were collected from schools (where the meals are served by Centralized kitchens run by NGOs) and were tested in 2019-20 and all the samples were found in compliance with norms. State has yet to initiate testing of food samples of School based kitchens.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State to increase the number of samples for testing of meals including samples from School based kitchens.

4.13 Grievance Redressal Mechanism and status of disposal of complaints

The State informed that a dedicated email & WhatsApp group have been created to receive complaints regarding MDM Scheme from different stakeholders. A Toll Free Contact Centre is setup at State Mission Office for SSA & MDMS with the number 18003453525. Complaints received at State level are referred to the concerned District officials to inquire into the matter and take necessary action as deemed appropriate. Accordingly, out of 32 complaints received, all complaints have been redressed.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State to give wide publicity of scheme, display of entitlement of children under MDM etc. along with Toll free number. This will help

enhance awareness among community. PAB also stressed on timely disposal of complaints.

4.14 Cooking Competitions :

State Government has not organized Cooking Competitions during 2019-20.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State to organize the Cooking Competition at various levels and to appropriately document the entire process. PAB further advised the State to prepare a short video summarizing the whole process and also to develop case studies.

4.15 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers and other capacity building activities:

State has informed that out of total engaged 118998 Cook-cum-Helpers, training has been imparted to all the Cook-cum-Helpers in a phased manner till March, 2019. However, no refresher training has been provided in 2019-20.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State to conduct periodic refresher trainings for all the Cook-cum-Helpers.

4.16 Data Entry on MDM-MIS Web Portal:

MDM-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of MDMS. The Annual data entry module captures Master data on availability of Kitchen-cum-Stores, Kitchen Devices, number of Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, mode of cooking etc. The Monthly data entry module captures data on number of days Mid-Day Meal was served; number of meals served, Honorarium paid to Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, number of children received IFA tablets, number of children screened under Rashtritya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The State has completed Annual data entry for 97% schools and Monthly data entry for 84% in the MIS portal.

Comments of PAB: State was advised to complete 100% data entry in a time-bound manner.

4.17 Status of implementation of Automated Monitoring System (AMS):

AMS has been put in place for real time monitoring of MDMS. Data on number of meals served on the particular day and reasons, if meals not served, is being captured from schools with no cost to school Head masters/Teachers. Out of 53247 schools, daily data has been reported by 28807 schools (on an average from April to December, 2019) i.e. 54% schools on Automated Monitoring System.

Comments of PAB: State was advised to ensure that daily data is being reported by 100% schools on all school working days and the same is used for better monitoring of the scheme.

4.18 Centralized kitchens:

Centralized kitchens run by NGO have been engaged for supplying meals to 39249 children, covering 546 Schools in 2 Districts namely Kamrup(M) and Kamrup(R).

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State to adhere to the extant guidelines for engaging Civil Society Organisations / Non-Government Organisations in Mid Day Meal Scheme.

4.19 Social Audit:

Social Audit has not been conducted during 2019-20 in any of Districts.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM informed that under the provisions of section 28 of National Food Security Act, 2013 Social Audit it is mandatory to conduct Social Audit. As per the MDM guidelines, it is mandatory to conduct Social Audit in all Districts in a phased manner by utilizing MME funds.

4.20 Provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance during closure of schools due to COVID-19

MHRD has advised all States and UTs vide letter dated 20.03.2020 and 29.04.2020 regarding provision of Mid Day Meal or Food Security Allowance to the eligible children under Mid Day Meal Scheme during closure of schools on account of COVID-19 and summer vacations during 2020-21 respectively. The State informed that Foodgrains and Cooking cost were provided to all children as Food Security Allowance during closure of schools for 48 days. State has also proposed to provide Food Security Allowance for 27 days during summer vacations.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the provision of Food Security Allowance during closure of schools.

4.21 Other proposals and issues discussed, if any

State Government has requested to enhance the Honorarium of Cook-cum-Helpers.

Comments of PAB : The proposal of the State has been noted.

5. Component wise Proposals and PAB-MDM Approvals

It may be noted that hot cooked Mid Day Meal shall be served to every child studying in class I to VIII, on all school days in all eligible schools as per the MDM guidelines.

5.1 Coverage of children

State Government has proposed to cover 2716040 children in Primary classes and 1331872 children in Upper Primary classes and 4394 children in Special Training Centers (NCLP) on an average basis during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved coverage of 2716040 children in Primary classes, 1330760 children in Upper Primary classes and 4394 children in Special Training Centers (NCLP) on an average basis during 2020-21.

5.2 Coverage of Working Days

State Government has proposed to serve MDM on 235 days in Primary, 235 days in Upper Primary schools and 312 days in Special Training Centers (NCLP) during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State to serve MDM on 235 days in Primary, 235 days in Upper primary schools and 312 days in Special Training Centers (NCLP) during 2020-21.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

State Government has proposed to engage 118998 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and Upper Primary under Mid Day Meal Scheme during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State to engage 118998 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and Upper Primary under Mid Day Meal Scheme during 2020-21.

5.4 Drought

No Drought has been notified in the State.

Approval of PAB: Not applicable.

5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-stores: New and Repair

No proposal has been submitted by State.

Approval of PAB: Nil.

5.6 Kitchen Devices: New and Replacement

No proposal has been submitted by State.

Approval of PAB: Nil.

5.7 Flexibility for new interventions

State may use a maximum of Rs 3680.88 Lakh (5% of total recurring Central and State share) for School Nutrition Gardens and Supplementary Nutrition interventions. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

5.7.1 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens

State Government has proposed to develop and maintain 19723 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 986.16 Lakh, comprising of Rs. 887.54 Lakh as Central share and Rs 98.62 Lakh as State share.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State to develop and maintain 19723 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 986.16 Lakh, comprising of Rs. 887.54 Lakh as Central share and Rs 98.62 Lakh as State share. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

Funds for this may be used from the funds available with the State from the recurring Central Assistance released to the State.

5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition

State Government has proposed to provide additional item i.e. 1 banana for 27 days in a year at an estimated expenditure of Rs 2188.25 Lakh comprising of Rs 1969.43 Lakh as Central share and Rs 218.82 Lakh as State share.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State to provide additional item i.e. 1 banana for 27 days in a year at an estimated expenditure of Rs 2188.25 Lakh comprising of Rs 1969.43 Lakh as Central share and Rs 218.82 Lakh as State share. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

5.8 Cooking Competitions

State Government has proposed to organize Cooking Competitions at various levels i.e. Block level, District level and State level for promoting variety menu.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State for organizing Cooking Competitions at various levels by utilizing MME funds.

5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

State has proposed to train all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers in a phased manner.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State for training of all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers in a phased manner by utilizing MME funds.

5.10 Provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance (FSA) during summer vacation as a one time measure due to COVID-19

In compliance with the directions issued vide letter no. F. No. 1-2/2020 Desk (MDM) dated 28.04.2020 regarding provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance (FSA) during summer vacation as a one time measure due to COVID-19, the State has submitted proposal for covering 2815458 children in Primary and 1503465 children in Upper Primary for 27 days, during summer vacations in 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved State's proposals to cover 2815458 children in Primary and 1503465 children in Upper Primary for 27 days of summer vacations during 2020-21.

6. Summary of PAB-MDM approvals (Physical) for the year 2020-21

6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB-MDM Approvals (Physical) for 2020-21
1	Schools	
1.1	Primary	40184
1.2	Upper Primary	13681
1.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	134
2	Children	
2.1	Primary	2716040
2.2	Upper Primary	1330760

2.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	4394
3	Working Days	
3.1	Primary	235
3.2	Upper Primary	235
3.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	312
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	118998
4.2	Upper Primary	
5	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	
5.1	Children (Pry)	0
5.2	Children (U Pry)	0
5.3	Working days	0
5.4	Cook-cum-Helpers	0
6	Non Recurring	
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
6.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0
6.3	Kitchen Devices	0
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0
7	Provision of MDM during summer vacations 2020-21 as a one time measure	
7.1	Children (Pry)	2815458
7.2	Children (U Pry)	1503465
7.3	Working days	27

6.2 Flexibility for new interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2020-21
1	Flexibility for new interventions	
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in 19723 schools)	19723
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by State)	One banana for 27 days in year for 4051194 children (i.e. all students proposed to be covered under MDM during FY 2020-21)
1.3 Any other proposal	-

7. Summary of PAB-MDM approvals (Financial) for the year 2020-21

7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
1	Recurring			
1.1	Serving of MDM during regular school working days	66880.51	6737.07	73617.58
1.2	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Recurring		66880.51	6737.07	73617.58
2	Non Recurring			
2.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (new)	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Non-Recurring		Nil	Nil	Nil
Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)		66880.51	6737.07	73617.58
3	Provision of MDM during Summer Vacations 2020-21 as a one time measure			
3.1	One time Assistance	6714.66	684.54	7399.20
Grand Total (1+2+3)		73595.17	7421.61	81016.78

7.2 Flexibility for new interventions

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
1	Flexibility for new interventions			
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in 19723 schools)	887.54	98.61	986.15

1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by State)	1968.88	218.76	2187.64
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Note: ***This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).***

8. The quantification of Central Assistance of Rs. 73595.17 Lakh & 124632.64 MTs of food grains and minimum mandatory State share of Rs 7421.61 Lakh has been done as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-MDM approvals for the year 2020-21. The detailed component- wise quantification for 2020-21 is at Appendix-I.
9. ***It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of food grains during 2020-21 under the MDM Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, MDM rules, MDM Guidelines and instructions issued from time to time, provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served hot cooked mid-day meal or provided with Food Security Allowance, as applicable, on all school days. During the year, if it is noticed by the State Govt. that more funds are needed to implement the Mid Day Meal Scheme, due to increase in the attendance of children, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach Government of India at any time during the year with justification seeking additional Central Assistance and food grains.***
10. 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 Mid-Day Meals or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-MDM.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



State: Assam

QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2020-21

A. Food grains

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	2716040	235	63826.94	-	63826.94
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	1330760	235	46909.29	-	46909.29
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	4394	312	205.64	-	205.64
4	Drought					
4.1	Primary	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.2	Upper Primary	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL		4051194		110941.87		110941.87
5	For summer vacations as an one time measure					
5.1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	2815458	27	7601.74		7601.74
5.2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	1503465	27	6089.03		6089.03
Total		4318923		13690.77		13690.77
Grand Total				124632.64		124632.64

B. Cost of Food-grains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance, Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers and Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME)

Sl.No	Component/Norms	Amount admissible (Rs. In Lakh)
Recurring		
Primary		
1	Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 63826.94 MT rice	1914.81
2	Cooking Cost @4.97 per day per child for 2716040 children for 235 days	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs.4.47 per child/day	28530.64
2.2	Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs. 0.50 per child/day	3191.35
3	Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain	
	(2716040 x 235 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs.1360)	868.05
4	Honorarium for Cook cum Helpers (Primary and Upper Primary)	
4.1	Central Share-(118998 x Rs.900 x 10 months)	10709.82
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share-(118998 x Rs.100 x 10 months)	1189.98
5	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 % of the	
	i) Cost of food grains	
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	
	iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	1134.63
Total Central Share for Primary		43157.95
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 46909.29 MT rice	1407.28
7	Cooking Cost @7.45 per day per child for 1330760 children for 235 days	
7.1	Central Share @ Rs.6.70 per child/day	20952.82
7.2	Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.75 per child/day	2345.46
8	Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain	
	(1330760 x 235 days x 0.00015 MT x Rs.1360)	637.97
9	Honorarium for Cook cum Helpers(Included in Primary)	
10	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 % of the	
	i) Cost of food grains	
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	
	iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	620.95
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		23619.02
NCLP		
11	Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 205.64 MT rice	6.17

12	Cooking Cost @Rs.7.45 per day per child for 4394 children for 312 days	
12.1	Central Share @ Rs.6.70 per child/day	91.85
12.2	Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.75 per child/day	10.28
13	<u>Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain</u>	
	(4394x 312 days x 0.00015 MT x Rs.1360)	2.80
14	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 % of the	
	i) Cost of food grains	2.72
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	
Total Central Share for NCLP		103.54
Total of Central Share (Primary+Upper Primary+NCLP)		66880.51

C. Drought: Nil

D. Non-recurring

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-Store	Nil
2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Store	Nil
3	Kitchen Devices (New)	Nil
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		Nil

E. Flexibility for new interventions*

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Component	Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
1	Serving of MDM during regular school working days – from Table B	66880.51	6737.07	73617.58
2	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Total (1+2)	66880.51	6737.07	73617.58
4	Maximum admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions (5% of 3 above)	3312.79	368.09	3680.88
PAB Approvals for flexible funds				
i)	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (19723 SNG @ Rs 5000 each)*	887.54	98.61	986.15
ii)	Supplementary Nutrition*	1968.88	218.76	2187.64
Total of (E)		2856.42	317.37	3173.79

*This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

F. Cost of Food-grains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance for providing MDM or FSA during summer vacations as one time measure

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in Lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs.2000 per MT for wheat	228.05
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs 4.47 per child per day	3397.98
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 0.50 per child per day	380.09
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1360 Per MT food grains	103.38
Total Central Share for Primary		3729.41
Upper Primary		
4	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs.2000 per MT for wheat	182.67
5	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45 per child per day	

5.1	Central share @ Rs. 6.70 per child per day	2719.77
5.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 0.75 per child per day	304.45
6	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1360 Per MT food grains	82.81
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		2985.25
Total central share for primary and upper primary		6714.66

G. Total Requirement of Funds for 2020-21

(Rs. in Lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	66880.51	6737.07
	Drought	Nil	Nil
Non- recurring		Nil	Nil
Total		66880.51	6737.07
For summer vacations as one time measure		6714.66	684.54
Grand Total including summer vacations		73595.17	7421.61



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