

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

Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board held on 05.03.2020 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2020-21 of Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the UT of Puducherry

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 05.03.2020. 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 UT of Puducherry
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2020-21 proposal of UT of Puducherry for MDM Scheme.

2. Joint Secretary (EE.I) welcomed the members of PAB-MDM. He appreciated the good practices/initiatives of the UT of Puducherry viz., Conduct of Cooking Competitions for CCH and Orientation programme for developing Kitchen Gardens in 32 schools in Puducherry and Karaikal, Provision of Mid Day Meal to Children of Pre-Primary & Class IXth to XIIth from UT's own resources, Additional Nutritious items viz 100 ml Hot Milk on all working days and Eggs twice a week to all Children from UT's Budget of Rs. 14.59 crore, Additional Contribution in Cooking Cost of Rs. 4.42 at Primary level & Rs. 4.69 at Upper Primary level over and above minimum mandatory UT Share. The Honorarium paid to Cook-cum-Helpers ranges from Rs. 6458/- to Rs 21000/- per month depending on their seniority. Food samples are tested periodically by Food and Drugs Department, UT of Puducherry.

3. Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Education), UT of Puducherry briefed the PAB about the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in the UT of Puducherry during 2019-20 and the initiatives taken by the UT 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 UT on 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 enrollment:

The UT of Puducherry has enrollment of 27279 children in Primary and 21148 children in Upper Primary, out of which , 26368 children (97%) in Primary and

18609 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 26000 children at Primary and 19000 children at Upper Primary level, out of which, 26368 children (101%) at Primary and 18609 children (98%) at Upper Primary have availed Mid Day Meal on an average basis during the year 2019-20.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry and advised the UT of Puducherry to make efforts to cover all children under Mid Day Meal Scheme at Upper Primary level.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB-MDM has approved 142 working days at Primary and 152 days at Upper Primary level upto 3rd Quarter. UT of Puducherry has covered 144 days both at Primary and Upper Primary level. UT of Puducherry informed that 8 days could not be covered due to Lok Sabha Elections in the month of April 2019 and occurrence of heavy rains in the month of May and June 2019.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM noted the reasons and encouraged the UT to adhere to the academic calendar and ensure MDM is served on all working days.

4.3 Fund Flow Mechanism

In the UT of Puducherry, the funds are released without delay to Nodal Agency looking after Centralized Kitchens in the month of April itself every year. There is no flow of funds to the school / kitchen level, as all the payments for the procurement of diet and non-diet articles are settled only by the Nodal agencies. In the UT there is a Centralized System of purchase and settlement of bills. Therefore, the funds released by the Govt. of India are deposited with the Govt. Account and are drawn on different dates for the settlement of the bills after they are raised by the FCI and other suppliers and payment is done through electronic mode only.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry for electronic release of funds to the implementing agencies.

4.4 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):

The utilization of MME funds upto 3rd Quarter is low i.e. 62%.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM pointed out to the UT of Puducherry that at least 75% of MME funds should have been utilized upto 3rd Quarter of the FY 2019-20 for the implementation of the scheme and advised them to keep on utilizing the MME funds for better and smooth implementation of the scheme.

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

UT of Puducherry has engaged 556 CCH in Primary vis-à-vis PAB-MDM approval of 556 and 475 CCH in Upper Primary vis-a-vis PAB approval of 475 in Upper Primary. UT of Puducherry is providing additional Honorarium to CCH ranging from Rs. 6458/- to Rs 21000/- per month depending on their seniority.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the additional contribution made by the UT of Puducherry towards Honorarium to CCH.

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

Central Assistance of Rs. 149.47 lakh has been released for Construction of 105 Kitchen-cum-Stores since 2006-07. As on 31.12.2019, Construction of 92 Kitchen-cum-Stores has been completed. Construction work in 9 Kitchen-cum-Stores is still in progress. The UT Government has not started Construction of 4 Kitchen-cum-Stores. The UT of Puducherry informed that the Construction of 4 Kitchen-cum-Stores will be completed by September 2020.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of Puducherry to complete the Construction work of the remaining Kitchen-cum-Stores by September 2020.

4.7 Kitchen Devices (New as well as Replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs. 22.95 lakh has been released towards Procurement of 459 units of Kitchen Devices since 2006-07 to 2019-20. The UT Government has informed that all 459 Kitchen Devices have been procured.

Central Assistance of Rs. 8.85 lakh has been released for Replacement of 382 units of Kitchen Devices. The UT Government has informed that all 382 units of Kitchen Devices have been Replaced. The UT has submitted the proposal for Replacement of 231 Kitchen Devices which were sanctioned in the year 2014-15.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of UT of Puducherry and advised the UT of Puducherry to maintain the Kitchen Devices.

4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens :

The Education Department of UT of Puducherry has set up School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens in 32 schools and the produced vegetables are being used in

the preparation of MDM. One day Orientation training Programme on Kitchen Gardens and Organic farming have been conducted by the Directorate of School Education in Puducherry & Karaikal regions with the aim to create awareness on the benefits of healthy organic food and the solutions to shift to organic food in an urban setting. The UT of Puducherry further informed that subject to availability of land, Kitchen Gardens will be developed in all Government schools in a phased manner and have proposed to develop Kitchen Gardens in 68 schools in the UT of Puducherry in the year 2020-21.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry and advised them to develop School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens in all the schools.

4.9 School Health Programme (Rashtriya 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 48427 (100%) children, out of total enrolment of 48427 children.

Enrolment	No. of Children		
	Health check-up (RBSK)	Iron & Folic Acid tablets (WIFS)	De-worming tablets (NDD)
48427	48427 (100%)	48427 (100%)	48427 100%

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry and advised to have continuous coverage on all three parameters in convergence with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and 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. UT of Puducherry has introduced a novel and unique scheme ‘Annadhanam’ on the lines of ‘Tithi Bhojan’ in the UT of Puducherry. The said scheme is implemented under Mid-Day Meal

scheme in a transparent and error free manner with the Community Contribution / Participation.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of Puducherry to encourage the concept of 'Tithi Bhojan' by giving a suitable name for community participation, duly following all possible precautionary measures in Mid Day Meal Scheme. This would help in promoting a sense of ownership of the scheme among the community and the children may get Supplementary Nutrition in the form of sweets, namkeen, seasonal fruits etc.

4.11 Supplementary Nutrition:

In the UT of Puducherry, in addition to Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Breakfast Scheme is also being implemented, under which, 100ml Hot-milk is provided to the students studying from Pre-primary to XII Std in all eligible schools on all school working days from Monday to Friday from UT's own resources. The total outlay of Breakfast Scheme is of Rs.123.95 lakhs.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the provisioning of additional items and advised the UT of Puducherry to submit the proposal for provision of Supplementary Nutrition under Flexibility Component.

4.12 Testing of Meals :

UT of Puducherry informed that periodically Food samples are being tested by Food & Drugs laboratory, in Puducherry. During December 2019-20, 12 Cooked Food samples were tested and the quality was found to be satisfactory and meeting the norms.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated laboratory testing of Food samples and advised the UT of Puducherry to increase the testing of Food samples.

4.13 Grievance Redressal Mechanism and status of disposal of complaints

In the UT of Puducherry, Toll-Free Number 1800-425-1967 has been installed to receive complaints from public regarding the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme. A separate register is also being maintained to keep records of the complaints received and also to record the remedial action being taken on the complaints. So far, no complaints on the MDM scheme have been registered on Toll-Free number and complaints, if any, on implementation of MDM scheme will be disposed on the day of receipt of complaint or within a week's time.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of Puducherry to give wide publicity to the scheme, display of entitlement of children under MDM etc along with Toll - Free number. This will help in enhancing awareness among the community. PAB also stressed on timely disposal of complaints.

4.14 Cooking Competitions :

The Department has conducted Cooking Competitions among the Cooks. In the Cooking Competitions, the Cooks have exhibited their talents for making the foods in a delicious and tasty manner in the presence of Judges. Winners were awarded by the Director of School Education. The total participants were 100. Cooking Competitions was conducted in two districts viz, Pondicherry and Karaikal. The total expenditure incurred was 1.10 Lakhs from the MME funds. UT has proposed to Conduct Cooking Competitions among Cook-cum-Helpers annually in all 4 regions.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry and advised to take steps for appropriate documentation of the entire process. PAB further advised the UT of Puducherry to prepare short videos summarizing the whole process and also to develop Case Studies and share the same with MHRD.

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

The UT of Puducherry has informed that Training programmes were organized for the Cook cum Helpers under the aegis of Food and Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pondicherry Institute of Hospitality Crafts, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Puducherry. The training to Cook-cum-Helpers was given on how to maintain cleanliness in the Kitchens, Washing and chopping of Vegetables and on the process of cooking through Modernized Kitchen equipment in a hygienic manner. UT Government informed that in the current year , 240 Cook-cum-Helpers have been trained. Another Training Programme is proposed in Karaikal district in the next Financial year for 236 CCHs.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of UT of Puducherry and advised them to organize training programmes for all the remaining Cook-cum-Helpers and also to conduct periodic Refresher Courses for all the trained 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 Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The UT of Puducherry has completed Annual data entry for 100% schools and Monthly data entry for 100% in the MIS Portal.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry for completing all data entries Annual as well as Monthly in the Web Portal upto December 2019 and advised the UT of Puducherry to maintain the consistency and accuracy of the data entered.

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 426 schools, daily data has been reported by 374 schools i.e. 88 % schools have reported on Automated Monitoring System.

Comments of PAB: UT of Puducherry was advised to ensure that daily data is reported by 100% schools on all school working days.

4.18 Centralized Kitchens:

In the UT of Puducherry, Mid-Day Meals are prepared through Centralized Modern Kitchens run by the Department of School Education and nearly 70600 students are covered under Centralized Kitchens. At present, there are 12 Centralized Kitchens, 11 School based cluster kitchens and 11 school canteen centres catering to the needs of the children.

Comments of PAB : PAB-MDM noted the information and advised the UT to adhere to the extant guidelines for engaging Civil Society Organizations / Non-Government Organizations in Mid Day Meal Scheme.

4.19 Social Audit:

UT of Puducherry has not conducted Social Audit in any district out of total 4 districts. The UT further informed that as per the Guidelines of MHRD, Directorate of School Education, Puducherry has submitted the Proposal to the Government of Puducherry. On the concurrence of the Government of Puducherry, Social Audit will

be conducted in the UT of Puducherry in the coming academic year 2020-21. UT has proposed to conduct Social Audit in Karaikal and Yanam district.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM informed that under the provisions of section 28 of National Food Security Act, 2013 it is mandatory to conduct Social Audit. As per MDM guidelines Social Audit is to be conducted in all the schools 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 UTs 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 UT of Puducherry has proposed to provide Cost of Foodgrains and Cooking Cost under Mid-Day-Meal to the enrolled students of Primary & Upper Primary Level for 25 days covering the period of 18th March 2020 to 22nd April 2020. UT of Puducherry has proposed to provide Food Security Allowance for 36 days during summer vacations.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the provisions made for distribution of Food Security Allowance during closure of schools.

4.21 Other proposals and issues discussed, if any

NIL Proposals and issues from UT of Puducherry.

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

UT of Puducherry Government has proposed to cover 26828 children in Primary classes and 18700 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved UT of Puducherry Government's proposals to cover 26828 children in Primary classes and 18700 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2020-21.

5.2 Coverage of Working Days

UT of Puducherry Government has proposed to serve MDM on 210 days in Primary and 220 days in Upper Primary schools during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of Puducherry to serve MDM for 210 days in Primary and 220 days in Upper Primary schools during 2020-21.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

UT of Puducherry Administration has proposed to engage 556 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and 475 Cook-cum-Helpers in Upper Primary under Mid Day Meal Scheme during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of Puducherry to engage 556 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and 475 Cook-cum-Helpers in Upper Primary under Mid Day Meal Scheme during 2020-21.

5.4 Drought

Drought has not been notified in the UT of Puducherry.

Approval of PAB: NIL

5.5 Kitchen-cum-Stores: New and Repair

UT of Puducherry has not submitted any proposal for Construction of New and Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores for FY 2020-21

Approval of PAB: NIL

5.6 Kitchen Devices: New as well as Replacement

UT of Puducherry has not proposed procurement of any New Kitchen Devices for FY 2020-21

Approval of PAB: NIL

UT of Puducherry has proposed Replacement of 231 Kitchen Devices with an outlay of Rs. 37.50 Lakhs out of which the Central Share required is Rs. 22.50 lakhs and UT Share as Rs. 15.00 lakh.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of Puducherry for Replacement of 231 Kitchen Devices with an outlay of Rs 37.50 Lakh, which comprises of Rs 22.50 lakh as Central Share and UT Share as Rs. 15.00 lakh.

The UT of Puducherry will submit a proposal, within two months, along with list of schools including UDISE codes where Kitchen Devices have to be Replaced.

5.7 Flexibility for new interventions

The UT of Puducherry may use a maximum of Rs. 37.31 lakh (5% of total Recurring Central Share and UT Share) for School Nutrition Gardens and Supplementary Nutrition interventions. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of Puducherry(Recurring Central Assistance+ UT Share).

5.7.1 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens

UT of Puducherry has submitted the proposal to develop and maintain 68 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens at an estimated expenditure of Rs 3.40 lakh, comprising of Rs 2.04 lakh as Central Share and Rs.1.36 lakh as UT Share.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of Puducherry to develop and maintain 68 School Nutrition Gardens at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 3.40 lakh, comprising of Rs 2.04 lakh as Central Share and Rs.1.36 lakh as UT Share. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of Puducherry (Recurring Central Assistance and UT Share).

Funds for this may be used from the funds available with the UT of Puducherry from the Recurring Central Assistance + UT Share released to the UT of Puducherry.

5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition

UT of Puducherry has not given any proposal for Flexibility component.

Comments of PAB: NIL

This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of Puducherry (Recurring Central Assistance +UT Share).

5.8 Cooking Competitions

UT of Puducherry has proposed to organize Cooking Competitions at various levels i.e. Block level, District level for promoting variety menu.

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

5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

UT of Puducherry has proposed to train all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of Puducherry for training of all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers by utilizing MME funds.

5.10 Conducting of Social Audit of Mid day meal Scheme.

UT of Puducherry has proposed to conduct Social Audit in Karaikal and Yanam districts.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of conducting Social Audit in Karaikal and Yanam districts as per MDM guidelines by utilizing MME funds.

5.11 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 29.04.2020 regarding provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance (FSA) during summer vacation as a one-time measure due to COVID-19, the UT of Puducherry has submitted proposal for covering 27279 children in Primary and 21148 children in Upper Primary for 36 days during summer vacations in 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the UT of Puducherry Government's proposal to cover 27279 children in Primary and 21148 children in Upper Primary for 36 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	236
1.2	Upper Primary	190
1.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
2	Children	
2.1	Primary	26828

2.2	Upper Primary	18700
2.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
3	Working Days	
3.1	Primary	210
3.2	Upper Primary	220
3.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	556
4.2	Upper Primary	475
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)	231
7	Provision of MDM during summer vacations 2020-21 as a one time measure	
7.1	Children (Pry)	27279
7.2	Children (U Pry)	21148
7.3	Working days	36

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 schools)	68 (In convergence with line departments in UT of Puducherry)
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by UT of Puducherry)	PROPOSAL IS AWAITED

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	60% Central Assistance	40% Minimum Mandatory UT of Share	Total (Central + UT of Share)
1	Recurring			
1.1	Serving of MDM during regular school working days	470.28	275.95	746.23
1.2	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0	0	0
Total Recurring		470.28	275.95	746.23
2	Non Recurring			
2.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store	0	0	0
2.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0	0	0
2.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (new)	0	0	0
2.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (231- Replacement)	22.50	15.00	37.50
Total Non-Recurring		22.50	15.00	37.50
Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)		492.78	290.95	783.73
3	Provision of MDM during summer vacations 2020-21 as a one time measure			
3.1	One time Assistance	71.27	42.23	113.49
Grand Total (1+2+3)		564.05	333.18	897.23

7.2 Flexibility for new interventions

S. No.	Particulars	60% Central Assistance	40% Minimum Mandatory UT	Total (Central + UT)
1	Flexibility for new interventions			
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in 68 schools)	2.04	1.36	3.40
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions	20.35	13.56	33.91

	(including additional items already being provided by UT of Puducherry) Proposal is awaited	PROPOSAL AWAITED	PROPOSAL AWAITED	PROPOSAL AWAITED
1.3	Any other proposal	NIL	NIL	NIL

Note: ***This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of Puducherry (recurring Central Assistance + UT Share).***

8. The quantification of Central Assistance of Rs. **564.05** Lakh & **1392.89 MT** Foodgrains and minimum mandatory UT Share of Rs **333.18** 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 foodgrains 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 UT/UT 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 foodgrains.***
10. The UT of Puducherry is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the UT of Puducherry so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every child attending an eligible school must be served hot cooked Mid-Day Meal 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.





Appendix-1

UT: PUDUCHERRY

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)	26828	210	563.39	0	563.39
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	18700	220	617.10	0	617.10
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	0	0	0	0	0
4	Drought					
4.1	Primary	0	0	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		45528		1180.49	0	1180.49

B. Cost of Food-grains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance, Honorarium 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 rice	16.90
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97/- per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 2.98/-per child per day	167.89
2.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs 1.99/- per child per day	112.11
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750/- Per MT food grains	4.23
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600/- for 10 months)	33.36
4.2	UT Share - @ Rs 400/- for 10 months)	22.24
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	6.00
Total Central Share for Primary		228.38
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	18.51
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45/- per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.47/- per child per day	183.90
7.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs.2.98/- per child per day	122.60
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750/- Per MT food grains	4.63
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600/- for 10 months)	28.50
9.2	UT Share - @ Rs 400/- for 10 months)	19.00
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains	6.36

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers 	
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		241.90
NCLP		NA
11	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	
12	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
12.1	Central share @ Rs. per child per day	
12.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @Rs. per child per day	
12.3	Transportation cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	
12.4	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost and iii) Cost of transportation 	
Total Central Share for NCLP		
Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)		470.28

C. Drought : NOT APPLICABLE

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	
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. per child per day	
2.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs. per child per day	
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs. for 2 months)	
4.2	UT Share - @ Rs. For 2 months)	
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
Total Central Share for Primary (Drought)		
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. per child per day	

7.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs. 2.60 per child per day	
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper (included in primary)	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs. for ... months)	
9.2	UT Share - @ Rs. for ... months)	
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
Total Central Share for Upper Primary (Drought)		
Total Primary + Upper Primary (Drought)		

D. Non-recurring

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-store	0.00
2	Repair of kitchen-cum-store (NIL)	0.00
3	Kitchen Devices (New)	0.00
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement-231)	
4.1	Central Share (47x6000+103x9000+58x12000+23x15000)	22.50
4.2	UT Share (47x4000+103x6000+58x8000+23x10000)	15.00
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		22.50

E. Flexibility for new interventions*

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Component	60% Centre Share	40% Minimum Mandatory	Total

			UT Share	
1	Serving of MDM during regular school working days – from Table B	470.28	275.95	746.23
2	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0	0	0
3	Total (1+2)	470.28	275.95	746.23
4	Maximum admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions (5% of 3 above)	22.39	14.92	37.31
PAB Approvals for flexible funds				
i)	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (68 SNG @ Rs 5000 each)	2.04	1.36	3.40
ii)	Supplementary Nutrition *(Proposal awaited)	20.35	13.56	33.91
Total		22.39	14.92	37.31

*UT of Puducherry will submit the detailed proposal for Supplementary Nutrition. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of Puducherry (recurring Central Assistance +UT 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 (98.20 MTs)	2.95
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97/- per child per day for 27279 children and for 36 days	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs 2.98/- per child per day	29.26
2.2	Minimum Mandatory UT of Share @ Rs.1.99/- per child per day	19.54
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs . 750/- Per MT food grains	0.74
Total Central Share for Primary		32.95
Upper Primary		
4	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice (114.20 MTs)	3.43

5	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45/- per child per day for 21148 children and for 36 days	
5.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.47/- per child per day	34.03
5.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs 2.98/-per child per day	22.69
6	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750/- Per MT food grains	0.86
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		38.32
Total central share for Primary and Upper Primary		71.27

G. Total Requirement of Funds for 2020-21

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		100% Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory UT of share
Recurring	Normal	470.28	275.95
	Drought	0	0
Non- recurring		22.50	15.00
Total		492.78	290.95
For summer vacations as one time measure		71.27	42.23
Grand Total including summer vacations		564.05	333.18



Annexure-I
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