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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Education**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**  
**PM POSHAN DIVISION**

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 10th June , 2022

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 13.05.2021 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) in respect of Government of Assam under PM POSHAN Scheme for 2022-23.**

The meeting of Programme Approval Board-PM POSHAN SCHEME (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held on **13.5.2022** through Video Conferencing to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2021-22 in respect of **State of Assam**.

2. The minutes of the above PAB meeting have been approved by the Secretary (SE&L), Department of School Education & Literacy. Please find enclosed a copy of the approved minutes for your information and necessary action.

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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board held on 13.05.2022 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23 of PM POSHAN Scheme for the State of Assam**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-PM POSHAN(PAB-PM POSHAN) was held in New Delhi through video conferencing on 13.05.2022. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed at *Annexure-I*.

The agenda before the PAB-PM POSHAN was:

- i. To review the status and progress of the implementation of PM POSHAN Scheme in the State of Assam.
  - ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23 proposal of Assam for PM POSHAN Scheme.
2. Secretary DoSEL, welcomed the members of PAB-PM POSHAN and made opening remarks. She mentioned that the Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of scheme for the five year period i.e. 2021-22 to 2025-26 and also renamed it as Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN). She also briefed about the new initiatives and emphasized that interventions of School Nutrition Gardens, Tithi Bhojan and Social Audit are focus areas and are positioned as special nutritional interventions. Highlighting the importance of monitoring, she further stated that it has been decided to involve students of eminent Universities / Institutions and also trainee teachers of District Institutes of Education Training and Regional Institutes of Education, for enhanced monitoring of implementation of scheme at field level. She reiterated that provision of hot cooked meals has significant effect on school participation in terms of enhanced enrollment as well as improved regular attendance of children in schools thereby substantially contributing towards reduction in drop out rates. She also emphasized upon the role of hot cooked meals in schools in removing social barriers as children from various social backgrounds learn to sit together and share a common meal. It was further highlighted that the gender gap in school participation tends to narrow, as the Scheme helps erode the barriers that prevent girls from going to school.

Subsequently JS (EE.I) appreciated the State Government's good practices/initiatives viz. With the active involvement of the communities, some of the schools have made very beautiful Dining Halls in the school campus for the purpose of PM-POSHAN, Assam model of Group Hand-washing under PM POSHAN is one of the best models in the country with low cost high value principle, which has been appreciated at the National/International level, Hoardings, Calendars, Posters under IEC activities on different aspects of PM POSHAN have been provided to all the schools and offices, Provision of one egg per week per child has been included under PM POSHAN, Many schools of Assam have started making bio-compost with the waste materials and leftover of food items. This bio-compost is used in the School Nutrition Gardens for producing organic vegetables. Tarpaulin (sitting mat) has been provided to the schools for eating meals under PM POSHAN in hygienic manner. Guidelines on food safety and hygiene have been translated into Assamese, Bengali and Bodo languages and distributed to the schools etc. while also pointing out the issues of delay of 6 to 10 months in release of funds from State upto school level, PM POSHAN scheme is forced to run on credit basis, the adhoc Central grant (released by Gol in June 2021) as well as matching State share was released in December 2021 by the State Finance Department with the result 1st and 2nd Installments were delayed and were released in the fag end of March 2022. The 1st and 2nd Installments are still not yet released from State Finance Department. All IAs (Schools) could not be mapped with PFMS on time by the State , Transfer of Cooking Cost through DBT as food security allowance for summer vacation in the beneficiary account has not been done till now, Only 38% have been children screened under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, State has neither constructed nor surrendered the funds released for 5122 Kitchen-cum-Stores sanctioned @Rs. 60,000/- per unit in FY 2008-09. As per plan, State has conducted Social Audit in all 33 districts in 2020-21 but state has not submitted report to the Ministry as yet etc.

3. Mission Director, SS & PM POSHAN, State Nodal Officer, Department of Education, State of Assam, briefed the PAB about the performance of the Scheme in the State during first three quarters of 2021-22 (01.04.2021 to 31.12.2021) and made the presentation on the proposals in Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23.

### **3. Review of Performance during 2021-22 (01.04.2021 to 31.12.2021)**

#### **3.1 Coverage of children:**

##### **3.1.1 Average number of children availed PM POSHAN vis-à-vis enrollment:**

The State has enrollment of 2804753 children in primary and 1554404 children in Upper Primary. Out of these on an average basis Food Security Allowance has been provided to 2769216 children (98.7%) in Primary and 1522479 children (97.9%) in Upper Primary during the year 2021-22.

##### **3.1.2 Average number of children availed PM POSHAN vis-à-vis PAB-PM POSHAN Approval:**

The PAB-PM POSHAN has approved 2770104 children at Primary and 1529982 children at Upper Primary level. Later on State informed that due to closure of schools during Covid pandemic, all enrolled children are eligible for Food Security Allowance. Against these on an average basis 2769216 children (100%) in Primary and 1522479 children (99.5%) in Upper Primary have been covered under the scheme during the year 2021-22.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of the State and advised the State to make efforts to cover all enrolled children under PM POSHAN scheme.

#### **3.2 School Working Days:**

PAB has approved 183 days in Primary and Upper Primary stage to be covered during first three quarters of 2021-22. The State has reported coverage of all 183 working days in Primary as well as Upper Primary.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the performance of the State.

#### **3.3 PFMS- Fund Flow Mechanism**

The State has informed that they have completed almost all procedures for implementation of new system of release of funds in line with the revised procedure prescribed by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to ensure that all requisite provisions of PFMS are followed to enable timely release of central assistance and corresponding State share for smooth implementation of scheme at all levels.

#### **3.4 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):**

State has reported utilization of 11% of the funds under MME head during the first three quarters of 2021-22. The State has informed that due to the late release of Central Share as well as State Share from the State Finance Department, the utilization has been reported against the Adhoc releases only till December 2021. However, the scheme is being very well monitored in the State. Further State assured to utilize MME funds for conducting Social Audit, training of Cook-cum-Helpers, monitoring of the scheme etc.

PAB advised the State to have a dedicated Management Structure such as creation of Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) in the State level and districts levels for proper supervision and monitoring under MME component for PM POSHAN scheme. The State level PMU may comprise of finance expert, nutrition and health expert, programme coordinators, data analyst and data entry operators. The district PMU may comprise of programme coordinator, data analyst and data entry operator. These professionals could be hired on outsourcing basis. This will help in smooth coordination as well as better and effective implementation of the scheme in the State. The funds under MME component are available for the purpose which may be utilized

**Comments of PAB:** PAB emphasizing on the importance of monitoring and inspection for better implementation of the scheme advised for setting up of dedicated (PMU) Project Monitoring Unit at the State level and in the districts under MME component. State was also advised for documentation of innovative practices, display of entitlements of children in all schools etc.

### **3.5 Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and honorarium**

PAB-PM POSHAN has approved 118998 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during 2021-22 in the State. The State has engaged all 118998 Cook-cum-Helpers. State is providing an additional amount of Rs. 500/- per CCH per month from its own resources.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the additional contribution made by the State towards honorarium to CCH.

### **3.6 Kitchen-cum-Stores (Construction as well as repair):**

Central assistance of Rs. 46885.32 lakhs has been released for construction of 56795 Kitchen-cum-Stores from 2006-07 to 2021-22. As on 31.12.2021, construction has been completed for 51222 Kitchen-cum-Stores and work is in progress in 451 Kitchen-cum-Stores. Repair of 28968 Kitchen-cum-Store was sanctioned by PAB-MDM 2019-20. State has submitted Proposal for release of funds for repair of 28968 Kitchen-cum-Stores. The proposal is under consideration by the Ministry. The State has been directed to surrender the funds released for 5122 Kitchen-Cum-Stores.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to surrender the funds along with interest sanctioned for 5122 Kitchen-cum-Stores at the earliest. PAB also advised to submit the Utilization Certificate at the earliest to the Ministry. PAB further advised the State to complete the construction of 451 Kitchen-cum-Stores by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### **3.7 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):**

Central Assistance of Rs. 3113.33 lakhs has been released towards procurement of 62267 units of Kitchen Devices during 2006-07 to 2021-22. State has reported that all 62267 Kitchen Devices have been procured. 20 New Kitchen Devices were approved by PAB-MDM in 2019-20. State has been requested to submit the physical and Financial progress report of all the earlier sanctioned Kitchen Devices since 2006-07 to 2016-17.

The same is awaited from State side. Central Assistance of Rs. 569.7 lakhs has been released towards replacement of 11394 units of Kitchen Devices. The State has reported that all 11394 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of the State and advised the State to submit the Utilization Certificate to the Ministry at the earliest of all the procured Kitchen Devices and further advised to submit the physical and Financial progress report of all the earlier sanctioned Kitchen Devices since 2006-07 to 2016-17.

### **3.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:**

State has developed School Nutrition Gardens in 36379 schools out of 51956 schools. It was informed that due to closure of schools during 2021-22, the development work of School Nutrition Gardens could not be taken up. This year the target for developing Kitchen Gardens is in 15577 schools.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of the State Government and advised to share the beautiful HD photos with the Ministry and further advised the State to make concerted efforts for development and maintenance of School Nutrition Gardens in all the remaining schools. State may develop School Nutrition Gardens in remaining schools in convergence with local Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department etc. The funds available under MNREGA of Department of Rural Development for certain eligible components may also be utilized in convergence with them.

### **3.9 Community Participation - Tithi Bhojan or similar practices**

Sampriti Bhojan, a community participation programme, has been initiated under PM POSHAN Scheme by relying on the traditional practice of providing food to people on special occasions such as festivals, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages, and days of national importance etc. in the state of Assam. Members of the community voluntarily provide nutritious and healthy food to the children as full meal or an additional food item in the form of sweets, namkeens, fruits or sprouts etc. on such special occasions/festivals. Sampriti Bhojan supplements or complements PM Poshan. In this regards, State Govt. had issued notification on 25th August/2015.

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 such as festivals, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages, and days of national importance etc.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the initiative of 'Sampriti Bhojan' followed by the State and advised the State to make more efforts to involve community in this unique scheme under PM POSHAN Scheme. Secretary (SE&L) emphasized the importance of Community participation in better implementation of the scheme. She further added that Tithi Bhojan is a wonderful way to transform the community involvement and community ownership of scheme into 'JAN ANDOLAN'. She advised the State to make efforts to conduct such activities at least once in a month in each school.

### **3.10 Additional Food Items:**

State of Assam informed that since 2019 onwards provision of one egg per week per child has been included in the menu under PM POSHAN. Besides SMCs are also providing locally available fruits to the children from time to time.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of the State and advised the State to make efforts to provide Supplementary Nutrition items in Aspirational districts and districts having high prevalence of malnutrition i.e. districts where 75% or more children are anemic as per National Family Health Survey (NFHS).

### **3.11 Testing of meals :**

State public Health Laboratory, D/o Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Assam, Bamunimaidan, Guwahati-21 has been engaged for testing of meals. Only 10 numbers of samples have been picked up and tested and the reports are awaited.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated lab testing of dry ration samples as well as cooked samples and advised to continue testing of samples and cover all districts.

### **3.12 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers and other capacity building activities:**

The State of Assam informed that Samagra Shiksha, Assam organized Cluster level training of the Head Teachers and SMC/SMDC members on various aspects/activities under Samagra Shiksha, PM-POSHAN and SOP for Covid-19. State level KRP (Key Resource Person) training was conducted in the State Mission Office, Samagra Shiksha in the month of December, 2021. All the aspects of food safety, health & hygiene at school level kitchen were discussed in the training programme. Training cum Orientation Programme for all district PM-POSHAN officials, SMC Presidents, Head of the Institutions and one Cook-cum-Helper from each school will be organized in 2022-23 financial year on different aspects of PM-POSHAN, specifically on PFMS, Bal Vatika, Local for Vocal, maintenance of proper nutrition of the children and role of PM-POSHAN in addressing the malnutrition of the children.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information and advised the State to organize training programmes for all the Cook-cum-Helpers in the State.

### **3.13 Data Entry on PM POSHAN-MIS Web Portal:**

PM POSHAN-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of PM POSHANS. 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 PM POSHAN 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 State has completed Annual data entry for 99% schools and Monthly data entry for 91% in the MIS portal.



PAB raised concern over the non registration of all the existing schools on the MIS portal and further raised concern over non entry of all the registered schools i. e total schools in the State are 53270. Out of which 52580 are registered on MIS and 52522 schools have entered Annual and only 48708 schools (on an Average ) have completed Monthly data entries on MIS Portal.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to complete 100% data entry in the web portal and further advised to maintain 100% data accuracy and consistency.

### **3.14 Status of implementation of Automated Monitoring System (AMS):**

Only 2% data entries under AMS have been done. The schools were opened in the month of September 2021. State has informed that HP model of AMS was implemented in the State but since last year the State is facing many technical issues and several complaints have been sent to Himachal Pradesh office but the complaint has not been addressed till today. The State is exploring possibility of alternative mechanism for data entry in AMS and will soon put in place.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the reasons and advised the State to put in place a mechanism for daily data entry of the beneficiaries as now all the schools are open. AMS is the best technique to monitor the effective implementation of the scheme on real time basis.

### **3.15 Centralized Kitchens:**

The Akshaya Patra Foundation, Guwahati (NGO) is engaged for supply of hot cooked PM POSHAN in the allotted schools of Kamrup and Kamrup (M) districts. The NGO has an ISO certified Kitchen and they dispatch meals for testing purpose at NABL Lab, Kolkata & Public Health Lab, Assam at regular intervals. Centralized Kitchen is supplying meal to 39996 children, covering 532 Schools in 2 districts.

**Comments of PAB :** PAB advised the State to adhere to the extant guidelines for engaging Civil Society Organisations / Non-Government Organisations in PM POSHAN Scheme.

### **3.16 Social Audit:**

The State has started Social Audit in 868 schools covering all 33 districts in 2021-22. Public hearing is going on in the districts.

PAB raised concern over the non submission of the report of the Social Audit conducted in 2020-21 till now. State of Assam informed that the report of the Social Audit conducted in the last financial year is awaited from the agency and as soon as the report is received, State will take necessary action on the findings and will share with the Ministry.

**Comments of PAB: :** PAB appreciated the efforts of the State for conducting Social Audit and advised the State to continue conducting Social Audit of the PM POSHAN as now all schools are open and share the report with the Ministry. As per PM

POSHAN guidelines Social Audit is to be conducted in all the schools in a phased manner by utilizing MME funds.

### **3.17 Provision of PM POSHAN or Food Security Allowance during closure of schools due to COVID-19**

The State informed that Food Security Allowance was provided to all eligible children during closure of schools against all school scheduled days.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of the State and advised the State to distribute FSA as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. PAB further informed that Govt. of India has issued detailed guidelines for reopening of schools and resumption of hot cooked meals in schools and further advised the State to follow these guidelines for resumption of hot cooked meals in schools. It was further advised that the State needs to take all precautionary measures and special care while maintaining social distancing and Covid appropriate behavior as advised by the respective Disaster Management Authorities.

## **5. Component wise Proposals and PAB-PM POSHAN Approvals**

### **5.1 Coverage of children**

State Government has proposed to cover 234304 children in Bal Vatika, 2770057 children in Primary classes and 1527475 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2022-23. State has also proposed to cover 4037 children under NCLP

**Approval of PAB:** After detailed discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved to cover 222786 children in Bal Vatika, 2770057 children in Primary classes and 1527475 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2022-23. PAB-PM POSHAN also approved to cover 4037 children under NCLP.

### **5.2 Coverage of Working Days**

State Government has proposed to serve PM POSHAN for 237 days in Bal Vatika, 237 days in Primary and 237 days in Upper Primary schools and 312 in NCLP schools during 2022-23.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved the proposal of the State to serve PM POSHAN for 237 days in Bal Vatika, 237 days in Primary and 237 days in Upper Primary schools and 312 in NCLP schools during 2022-23.

### **5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)**

State Government has proposed to engage total of 118998 Cook-cum-Helpers for Primary and Upper Primary under PM POSHAN Scheme during 2022-23.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved the proposal of State to engage 118998 Cook-cum-Helpers for Primary and Upper Primary under PM POSHAN Scheme during 2022-23.

#### **5.4 Drought**

Drought has not been notified in the State.

**Approval of PAB:** Nil.

#### **5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores**

State has not submitted any proposal for construction for Kitchen-cum-Stores for 2022-23. Repair of 28968 Kitchen-cum-Stores was sanctioned by PAB-PM POSHAN 2019-20. State has submitted Proposal for release of funds for repair of 28968 Kitchen-cum-Stores. The proposal is under consideration by the Ministry. The State has been directed to surrender the funds released for 5122 Kitchen-Cum-Stores.

**Approval of PAB:** PAB advised the State to surrender the funds along with interest sanctioned for 5122 Kitchen-cum-Stores at the earliest. PAB also advised to submit the Utilization Certificate at the earliest to the Ministry. PAB further advised the State to complete the construction of remaining 451 Kitchen-cum-Stores by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

#### **5.6 Kitchen Devices**

20 New Kitchen Devices were approved by PAB-MDM in 2019-20. State has been requested to submit the physical and Financial progress report of all the earlier sanctioned Kitchen Devices since 2006-07 to 2016-17. The same is awaited from State side. Central assistance of Rs. 569.7 lakhs has been released towards replacement of 11394 units of Kitchen Device. The State has reported that all 11394 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured.

**Approval of PAB:** PAB advised the State to submit the Utilization Certificate of all the procured Kitchen Devices to the Ministry at the earliest and further advised to submit the physical and Financial progress report of all the earlier sanctioned Kitchen Devices since 2006-07 to 2016-17.

#### **5.7 Conducting of Social Audit under PM POSHAN Scheme.**

The State has started Social Audit in 868 schools covering all 33 districts during 2021-22. Once the entire process is complete and report is submitted, State will send the proposal for 2022-23.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB advised State of Assam to conduct Social Audit of the PM POSHAN scheme in all schools in all districts and share the report with the Ministry. As per PM POSHAN guidelines Social Audit is to be conducted in all the schools in a phased manner by utilizing MME funds.

## 5.8 Flexibility for new interventions

State may have convergence with respective line departments for School Nutrition Gardens and Supplementary Nutrition interventions.

**Approval of PAB:** PAB appreciated the development of School Nutrition Gardens through convergence and advised that, State may converge with respective line departments for maintenance and development of School Nutrition Gardens and for supplementary Nutrition interventions.

## 5.9 Cooking Competitions

State Government has proposed to organize cooking competitions at various levels i.e. Block level, District level and State level.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved the proposal of State for organizing cooking competitions at various levels by utilizing MME funds.

## 5.10 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

State has proposed to train all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers during 2022-23.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved the proposal of State for training of all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers by utilizing MME funds.

## 6. Summary of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals (Physical) for the year 2022-23

### 6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB-PM POSHAN Approvals (Physical) for 2022-23
<b>1</b>	<b>Schools</b>	
1.1	Primary	39622
1.2	Upper Primary	13648
1.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Children</b>	
2.1	Bal Vatika	222786
2.2	Primary	2770057
2.3	Upper Primary	1527475

2.4	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	4037
<b>3</b>	<b>Working Days</b>	
3.1	Bal Vatika	237
3.2	Primary	237
3.3	Upper Primary	237
3.4	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	312
<b>4</b>	<b>Cook-cum-Helpers</b>	
4.1	Primary	118998
4.2	Upper Primary	
<b>5</b>	<b>Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer</b>	
	<b>Vacations</b>	
5.1	Children (Pry)	0
5.2	Children (U Pry)	0
5.3	Working days	0
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	0
<b>6</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>	
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

## 6.2 Flexibility for new interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2022-23
1	<b>Flexibility for new interventions</b>	
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Settingup in all schools)	In convergence with line departments in State
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by State)	In convergence with line departments in State

## 7. Summary of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals (Financial) for the year 2022-23

### 7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in lakhs)

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance 90%	Minimum Mandatory State Share 10%	Total (Central + State)
<b>1</b>	<b>Recurring</b>			
1.1	Serving of PM POSHAN during regular school working days	74173.24	7461.04	81634.28
1.2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0	0	0
<b>Total Recurring</b>				
<b>2</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>			
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(Replacement)	0	0	0
<b>Total Non-Recurring</b>				
<b>Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)</b>		<b>74173.24</b>	<b>7461.04</b>	<b>81634.28</b>

### 7.2 Flexibility for new interventions

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
<b>1</b>	<b>Flexibility for new interventions</b>			
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens	In convergence with other line departments in State		
1.2	Provision of supplementary nutrition items to eligible children under PM POSHAN Scheme	In convergence with other line departments in State		

**8.** The quantification of Central Assistance of **Rs. 74173.24 lakhs & 125421.05 MTs** foodgrains and minimum mandatory State share of Rs **7461.04 lakhs** has been done as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals for the year 2022-23. The detailed component- wise quantification for 2022-23 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 2022-23 under the Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, Rules, Guidelines and Instructions issued under the PM POSHAN Scheme 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 meals or provided with Food Security Allowance, as applicable, on all school days.

During the year, if it is noticed by the State Government that more funds are needed to implement the 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 during the year with justification seeking additional Central Assistance and food grains. Similarly, if the Central Government observes less coverage than the approvals, the actual releases may be restricted to actual coverage.

**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-PM POSHAN.

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

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State: Assam

**QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2022-23****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)	2992843	237	70930.38	0	70930.38
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	1527475	237	54301.74	0	54301.74
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	4037	312	188.93	0	188.93
4	Drought					
4.1	Primary	0	0	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4524355</b>		<b>125421.05</b>		<b>125421.05</b>

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

<u>Sl.No</u>	<u>Component/ Norms</u>	<u>Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)</u>
<b>Recurring</b>		
<b>Primary</b>		
1	<b>Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 70930.38 MT rice</b>	2127.91
2	<b>Cooking Cost @4.97 per day per child for 2992843 children for 237 days</b>	
2.1	<b>Central Share @ Rs.4.47 per child/day</b>	31705.88
2.2	<b>Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs. 0.50 per child/day</b>	3546.52
3	<b><u>Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain</u></b>	
	(2992843 x 237 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs.1360)	964.65



<b>4</b>	<b>Honorarium for Cook cum Helpers (Primary and Upper Primary)</b>	
4.1	<b>Central Share-</b> (118998 x Rs.900 x 10 months)	10709.82
4.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share-</b> (118998 x Rs.100 x 10 months)	1189.98
<b>5</b>	<b>Management Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 %</b> of the	1228.72
	i) Cost of food grains	
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	
	iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	
<b>Total Central Share for Primary</b>		<b>46736.98</b>

<b>Upper Primary</b>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 54301.74 MT rice</b>	1629.05
<b>7</b>	<b>Cooking Cost @7.45 per day per child for 1527475 children for 237 days</b>	
7.1	<b>Central Share @ Rs.6.70 per child/day</b>	24254.78
7.2	<b>Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.75 per child/day</b>	2715.09
<b>8</b>	<b><u>Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain</u></b> (1527475 x 237 days x 0.00015 MT x Rs.1360)	738.50
<b>9</b>	<b>Honorarium for Cook cum Helpers(Included in Primary)</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Management Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 %</b> of the	718.80
	i) Cost of food grains	
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	
	iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	
<b>Total Central Share for Upper Primary</b>		<b>27341.13</b>
<b>NCLP</b>		
<b>11</b>	<b>Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 188.93 MT rice</b>	5.67
<b>12</b>	<b>Cooking Cost @Rs.7.45 per day per child for 4037 children for 312 days</b>	
12.1	<b>Central Share @ Rs.6.70 per child/day</b>	84.39
12.2	<b>Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.75 per child/day</b>	9.45
<b>13</b>	<b><u>Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain</u></b> (4037 x 312 days x 0.00015 MT x Rs.1360)	2.57

<b>14</b>	<b>Management Monitoring &amp; Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 %</b> of the	2.50
	i) Cost of food grains	
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	
<b>Total Central Share for NCLP</b>		95.13
<b>Total of Central Share (Primary+Upper Primary+NCLP)</b>		<b>74173.24</b>

**C. Drought: Nil**

**D. Non-recurring**

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

**E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2022-23**

**(Rs. in lakhs)**

<b>Component</b>		<b>Centre Share (90%)</b>	<b>Minimum Mandatory State share (10%)</b>
Recurring	Normal	<b>74173.24</b>	<b>7461.04</b>
	Drought	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Non- recurring		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total (A)</b>		<b>74173.24</b>	<b>7461.04</b>
<b>Summer Vacations (B)</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total (A+B)</b>		<b>74173.24</b>	<b>7461.04</b>

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