

**Brief Note on Mid Day Meal Scheme
(Assam)
(24-05-2017)**

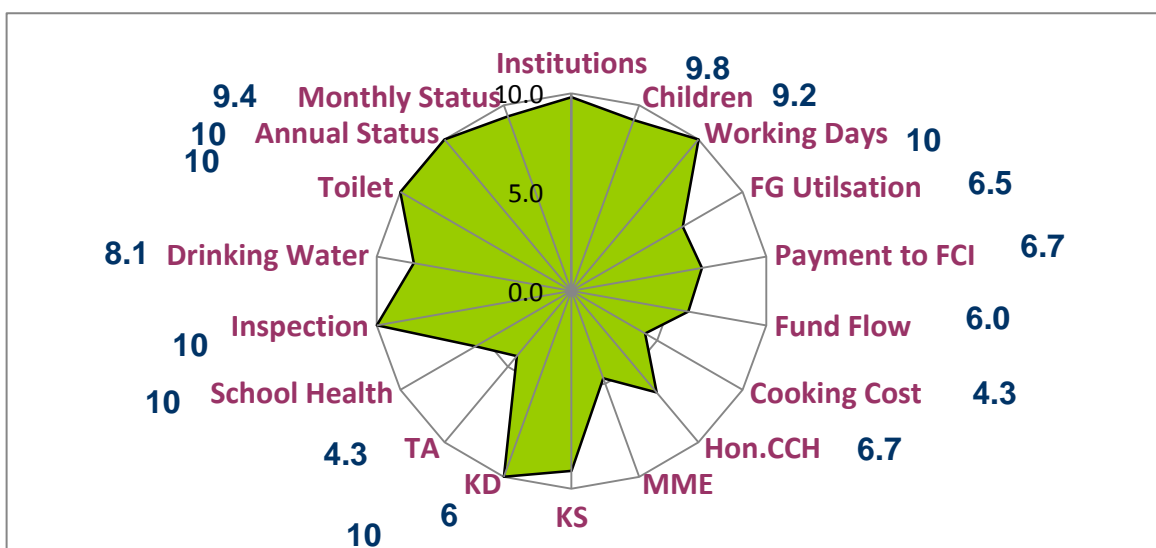
1. Approved outlay by the Programme Approval Board – Mid Day Meal Scheme (PAB-MDM) for the year 2016-17 is Rs. 56895.45 Lakhs (Central share). The Central Govt. has already released Ad-hoc Recurring Central Assistance of Rs. Rs.11776.90 lakhs on 18.04.2016, 1st installment of Rs. 19149 lakhs and 2nd Installment of Rs. 23351.12 lakhs on 16.03.2017.

2. Releases and expenditure under MDMS

(Rs in lakh)

Year	Funds Allocated/ Released	Expenditure/Release	% Expenditure
2007-08	14690.43	18756.56	128%
2008-09	26655.97	19272.74	72%
2009-10	19274.46	4522.20	23%
2010-11	34408.21	33687.49	98%
2011-12	53220.90	43999.08	83%
2012-13	47451.53	45500.28	96%
2013-14	45710.81	47157.85	103%
2014-15	55280.02	47985.16	87%
2015-16	57276.24	55376.49	97%
2016-17	56895.45	54277.02	95%
2017-18	55929.90	--	--

3. Performance Score card Component wise during 2016-17



Source :- AWP&B - (2016-17) & First Three quarters of 2016-17

4. Coverage of children against enrolment Year wise									
	Enrolment			Coverage			% Coverage		
	Pry	Upry	Total	Pry	Upry	Total	Pry	Upry	Total
2011-12	3649013	1611448	5260461	3139869	1553979	4693848	86	96	89
2012-13	3445133	1635059	5080192	3177819	1467336	4645155	92	90	91
2013-14	3394936	1598940	4993876	3021493	1407785	4429278	89	88	89
2014-15	3350804	1668480	5019284	3045360	1429543	4474903	91	86	89
2015-16	3109093	1458177	4567270	2991754	1394698	4386452	96	96	96
2016-17	3110189	1512707	4622896	2906204	1349967	4256171	93	89	92

5. Challenges in implementation of MDMS

The following challenges were identified from the appraisal of AWP& B 2017-18.

1. Delay in release of funds from State to school (2-5 months).
2. Inadequate release of State matching share in cooking cost and honorarium to cook-cum-helpers.
3. Slow progress in construction of kitchen-cum-stores (5122 i.e.9% yet to start).
4. Huge pendency (33%) of FCI bills.
5. Mismatch in data of MDM-MIS and AWP&B.
6. State has not operationalized the Automated Monitoring System for monitoring of MDMS.
7. Use of firewood as mode of cooking in 95% schools.
8. Less utilization of cooking cost (43%) and TA (43%).
9. Huge mismatch (21%) in utilization of food grains (65%) and cooking cost (43%).

6. Best Practices being followed in the State for effective implementation of the scheme:-

- i) Provision of MDM calendar to schools and offices of Education Department with the information like suggested menu, calorie chart, norms with respect to all components.
- ii) "Sampriti Bhojan" for providing supplementary nutritive items/ foods like sweet, fruits, snacks and biscuits etc. to the children in addition to MDM with voluntary support from the community.
- iii) Practice of group hand-washing before Mid-Day-Meal has enhanced enrolment and retention of children in schools vis-à-vis reduced the diseases like diarrhea, skin disease
- iv) State has promoted Kitchen Garden in schools with the help School Management Committees
