

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

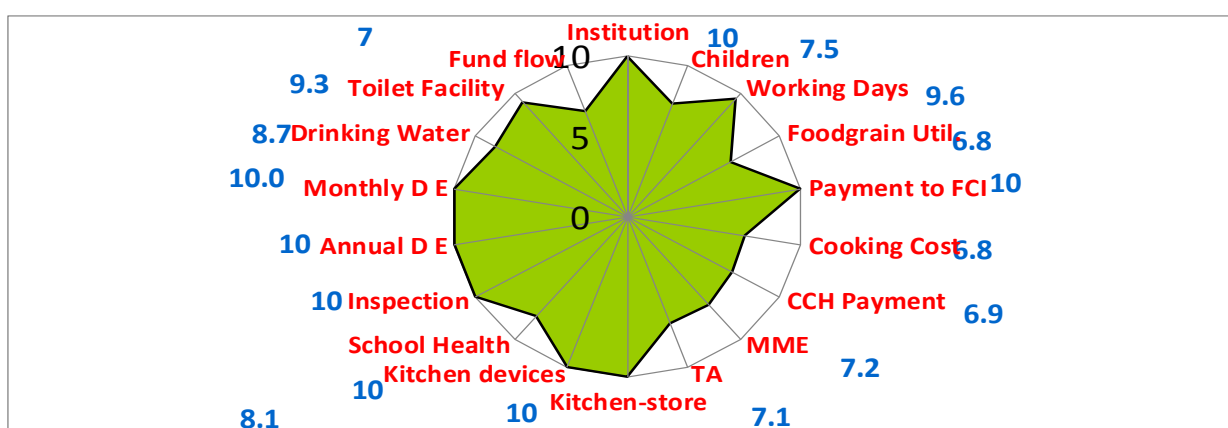
1. Approved outlay by the Programme Approval Board – Mid Day Meal Scheme (PAB-MDM) for the year 2016-17 is Rs. 5017.32 Lakhs (Central share). The Central Govt. has already released Ad-hoc Recurring Central Assistance of Rs. 1063.58 lakhs on 18.04.2016, 1st installment of Rs. 1954.90 lakhs on 17.06.2016 and 2nd installment of Rs. 2246.35 lakhs to Govt. of Tripura.

2. Releases and expenditure under MDMS

(Rs in lakh)

Year	Funds Allocated/ Released	Expenditure/Release	% Expenditure
2007-08	2448.56	2273.59	93%
2008-09	3506.38	1942.70	55%
2009-10	3480.89	2463.93	71%
2010-11	4856.76	4733.02	97%
2011-12	8408.41	4902.96	58%
2012-13	5235.75	5572.17	106%
2013-14	5073.29	5526.57	108%
2014-15	4878.01	4827.01	99%
2015-16	5129.41	5154.14	100%
2016-17	5017.32	5264.83	104%
2017-18	5299.64	--	--

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	370566	206951	577517	302871	139748	442619	82	68	77
2012-13	364480	227187	591667	276895	155602	432497	76	68	73
2013-14	358128	213485	571613	246564	120841	367405	69	57	64
2014-15	334298	188253	522551	235188	119968	355156	70	64	68
2015-16	320618	185747	506365	246342	129570	375912	77	70	74
2016-17	304407	183331	487738	235810	130385	366195	77	71	75

5. Challenges in implementation of MDMS

The following challenges were identified from the appraisal of AWP& B 2015-16.

- a) Low coverage of children against enrolment i.e. 71% in Upper Primary category.
- b) Less coverage of working days against approval (156 against 167 in Upper Primary).
- c) State has not operationalized the Automated Monitoring System for monitoring of MDMS.
- d) Negative closing balance of food grains as on 31.12.2016.
- e) Use of firewood as mode of cooking in 74% schools.
- f) No meeting of district level committee headed by the senior most MP.

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

- i) Dining Halls: The State has taken the initiative of construction of dining hall in the schools with the objective of giving the children an opportunity to sit together and eat their meal (MDM) comfortably and hygienically. The constructions of dining halls is done with the help of PWD (R & B) and Tripura Housing Development & Construction Board, Govt. of Tripura
- ii) Kitchen garden: The Department has taken the initiative of developing kitchen garden in the schools with the objective of giving the children more nutritious & pesticide free food by using the vegetables like cabbage, potato, tomato, brinjal, radish etc. grown in the kitchen gardens. The development of kitchen garden will be helpful to supplement more protein & calorie to the children.
- iii) State is providing State share of 0.50 Rs. which is more than minimum mandatory State share in Primary Category to improve quality of meals.
- iv) Eggs are provided twice a week to the children of both primary and upper primary schools.