

**Brief Note on PM (POSHAN)  
(Assam)  
(12.11.2021)**

1. **Approved outlay for 2021-22** is Rs. 74796.64 Lakh (Central Share including for summer vacations as one time measure due to Covid -19 pandemic ). The Central Govt. has already released Ad-hoc Recurring Central Assistance of Rs. 16720.13 lakhs on 01-06-2021.

**2. Releases and expenditure under PM (POSHAN)- Assam**

(Rs in lakh)

Year	Funds Allocated	Expenditure/Released	% Expenditure
2015-16	57276.24	55376.49	97%
2016-17	56895.45	54277.02	95%
2017-18	55929.90	52903.47	95%
2018-19	53651.47	51982.21	97%
2019-20	61365.88	57347.95	94%
2020-21	75703.77	75703.77	100%
2021-22	74796.64	16720.13 (Ad-hoc)	22%

**3. Coverage of children against enrolment - Year wise**

Year Wise	Enrolment			Coverage			% Coverage		
	Pry	U.pry	Total	Pry	U.pry	Total	Pry	U.pry	Total
<b>2015-16</b>	3109093	1458177	4567270	2991754	1394698	4386452	96	96	96
<b>2016-17</b>	3110189	1512707	4622896	2906204	1349967	4256171	93	89	92
<b>2017-18</b>	2803941	1468335	4272276	2721088	1332485	4053573	97	91	95
<b>2018-19</b>	2798422	1465330	4263752	2719452	1331885	4051337	97	91	95
<b>2019-20</b>	2798422	1465330	4263752	2689972	1330645	4020617	96	91	94
<b>2020-21</b>	2776864	1532758	4309622	2770104	1527186	4297290	99.8	99.6	99.7

**4. Challenges in implementation of PM (POSHAN)**

- 1) There is a delay in release of funds (3 to 5 months) from State upto school level.
- 2) GOI has sent letters dated 31st May, 2021, 21st June,2021, 6th August, 2021, 13th August, 2021, 18th August, 2021, 8th September, 2021, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 with a request to the State Government to submit the proposal for release of balance of 1st instalment to this Ministry at the earliest. Till now Proposal from State Govt not received yet.

- 3) The proposal for release of 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment not yet received from the State due to non release of Central Share (Rs. 16720.13 Lakh (Ad-hoc) sanctioned on 01.06.2021 by GOI) and matching State Share (Rs. 1674.95 Lakh) by the State Finance Department to the State implementing agencies, hence no expenditure incurred against the Ad-hoc released.
- 4) Only 45% children screened under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram during 2020-21.
- 5) State has neither constructed nor surrendered the funds released for 5122 kitchen-cum- Stores sanctioned @Rs. 60,000/- per unit in FY 2008-09, and has also not submitted the revised proposal.
- 6) State has not submitted Proposal for repair of 28,968 Kitchen-cum-Stores and Procurement of 20 (New) Kitchen Devices as approved by PAB-MDM during 2019-20.
- 7) FCI dues amounting to Rs. 16 Crore is pending for FY 2021-22 as per FCI statement.
- 8) State has conducted Social Audit in all 33 districts in 2020-21. However the State has not submitted the report to the Ministry yet.

**5. Best Practices followed in the State for effective implementation of the scheme:-**

- 1) Assam model of Group Hand-washing under PM (POSHAN) is one of the best model in the country with low cost high value principle, which has been appreciated at the National/International level.
- 2) Hoardings, Calendars, Posters under IEC activities on different aspects of PM (POSHAN) have been provided to all the schools and offices.
- 3) Provision of one egg per week per child included under PM (POSHAN) during 2020-21.
- 4) State has developed AI (Artificial Intelligence) based application to monitor implementation of PM (POSHAN) in all the schools on real time basis.
- 5) School Nutrition Garden (Kitchen Gardens) have been setup in 33680 schools
- 6) Construction of Dining Halls in the school campus for the purpose of Mid-Day Meal Scheme by active involvement of the local communities.
- 7) Display board along with duster and markers has been provided to the schools for displaying day-to-day PM (POSHAN) records for transparency.
- 8) Tarpaulin (sitting mat) has been provided to the schools for eating in hygienic manner.
- 9) Guidelines on food safety and hygiene have been translated into Assamese, Bengali and Bodo languages and distributed to the schools

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