

**Brief Note on PM (POSHAN)  
(Sikkim)  
(as on 12-11-2021)**

1. **Approved outlay** by Programme Approval Board for Mid Day Meal Scheme (PAB- MDM) for the Year 2021 -22 is Rs. 867.24 lakh (Central share including summer vacation as one time measure due to Covid-19 pandemic). The Central Govt. has already released Ad-hoc Recurring Central Assistance of Rs. 209.61 lakhs on 01-06-2021.

**2. Releases and expenditure under PM (POSHAN) to Sikkim**

Year	Fund Allocated	Release	% Release
2015-16	1061.03	1001.37	94%
2016-17	1009.53	899.13	89%
2017-18	925.36	881.97	95%
2018-19	877.97	827.45	94%
2019-20	939.80	817.45	87%
2020-21	948.99	948.99	100%
2021-22	867.24	209.61(Ad-hoc)	24%

**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>	42593	36142	78735	36436	31472	67908	86	87	86
<b>2016-17</b>	39779	33454	73233	34678	29539	64217	87	88	88
<b>2017-18</b>	35474	30306	65780	32051	27592	59643	90	91	91
<b>2018-19</b>	33433	27258	60691	29573	24217	53790	88	89	89
<b>2019-20</b>	32124	24426	56550	27944	22039	49983	87	90	88
<b>2020-21</b>	29333	22704	52037	28110	21748	49858	96	96	96
<b>2021-22 (1<sup>st</sup> QPR)</b>	28251	21748	49999	27377	20634	48011	97	98	96

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

1. The State of Sikkim has submitted the proposal with 8% expenditure incurred during the year 2021-22 against adhoc central assistance released. As per IF-II section checklist, there should be at least 75% expenditure incurred by the State Government. In such condition, GOI has sent letter to State of Sikkim to furnish the revised expenditure statement for the year 2021-22 to this Department urgently. The same is awaited from State side.
2. Delay in release of funds (2 to 6 months) from State to school level.
3. PM (POSHAN) is implemented on reimbursement basis.
4. Cook-cum-helpers are paid on quarterly basis.
5. Testing of food samples have never been done in the State.
6. State has conducted Social Audit in 2 districts However it was never intimated to GOI nor conducted as per GOI Guidelines. State has not submitted report to the Ministry.

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

1. Fresh and locally available organic vegetables like potatoes, cabbage, green saag, cauliflower, Broccoli, raddish, carrot, beans, peas are being used in PM (POSHAN).
2. SMC's have constituted mothers group to taste the food on daily basis.
3. The FIFO method has been adopted not only in pulses and condiments but also for stored food-grains.

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