Brief Note on Mid Day Meal Scheme (Mizoram)

Approved outlay by Programme Approval Board for Mid Day Meal Scheme (PAB-MDM) for the Year 2021-22 is Rs. 2216.71 Lakhs. The Central Govt. has already released Ad-hoc Instalment of Central Assistance (including Cooking Cost for Summer Vacation for distribution of Food Security Allowances) for Rs. 500.35 Lacs to Government of Mizoram.

2. Releases and expenditure under MDMS to Mizoram.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Funds Allocated / Released	Expenditure/ Release	% Expenditure		
2016-17	2122.41	2087.14	98%		
2017-18	2077.21	2044.42	98%		
2018-19	2031.43	2016.49	101%		
2019-20	2169.52	2134.67	98%		
2020-21	2077.21	2351.46	113% *		
2021-22	2216.71 #	500.35 **	23%		

(# Central Share)

3. Coverage of children against enrolment Year wise

Year	Enrolment			Coverage			% Coverage		
	Pry	U. Pry	Total	Pry	U. Pry	Total	Pry	U. Pry	Total
2016-17	105832	45954	151786	97070	42189	139258	92	92	92
2017-18	100061	44889	144950	92053	41230	133283	92	92	92
2018-19	94616	42335	136951	87152	39021	126174	92	92	92
2019-20	90602	41247	131849	82573	38897	121470	91	94	92
2020-21	91859	41949	133808	91702	41838	133540	100	100	100

Sources : As per AWP&B - 2021-22

5. Challenges in the implementation of MDMS

- I. Delay of more than 7 Months in release of funds from State to Schools.
- II. Cooking Cost Opening Balance & Closing Balance was Negative in State Share.
- III. Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers Opening Balance was Negative in State Share.
- IV. Very less utilisation of Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers (i.e. only 7% of Allocation),
- V. No Transport Assistance utilised during FY-2019-20 & 2020-21.

^{(*} Released including for Additional grants for distribution of Food Security Allowances for summer Vacation for FY 2020-21)

^{(**} Released for Ad-hoc Instalment of Central Assistance ((including Cooking Cost for Summer Vacation for distribution of Food Security Allowances) for FY 2021-22).

- VI. Less utilisation of MME (i.e. 41% of Allocation),
- VII. Rs. 65.30 Lacs for 567 Unit KD Replacement could not be released due to Non release of State share.
- VIII. Very less (Only Two) DLC Meeting conducted during FY 2020-21.
 - IX. No Parents & Community involved in MDM / Food sample
 - X. No Person placed at Block level to implement the MDM at School,
- XI. Social Audit not conducted as per MHRD Norms during FY- 2020-21.
- XII. 67% Schools are still using Firewood.

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

- Additional State contribution towards cooking cost (i.e. Rs. 0.70 Per Child Per Day in Primary and Rs. 0.25 Per Child Per Day in Upper Primary)
- II. Additional State contribution towards honorarium of cook cum helpers (i.e. Rs. 500 per CCH per month)
- III. Community contributes seasonal fruits, vegetables as a supplement to the meals served to children.
- IV. Regional Institute of Paramedical and Nursing Science (RIPANS) (run under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India) has been engaged for testing of food samples.
