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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Education**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**  
**MDM Division**

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 29.06.2021 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) in respect of Government of Bihar under Mid-Day Meal Scheme for 2021-22.**

The meeting of Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held on **29.06.2021** through Video Conferencing to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2021-22 in respect of **State of Bihar**.

2. The minutes of the above PAB meeting have been approved by the Secretary (SE&L), Department of School Education & Literacy. Please find enclosed a copy of the approved minutes for your information and necessary action.

**Encl. As above.**

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27.8.2021

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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board held on 29.06.2021 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2021-22 of Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the State of Bihar**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held under the chairpersonship of Ms. Anita Karwal, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India in New Delhi through video conferencing on 29.06.2021. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed at *Annexure-I*.

The agenda before the PAB-MDM was:

- i. To review the status and progress of the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in the State of Bihar.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2021-22 proposal of Bihar for MDM Scheme.

2. Secretary DoSE&L, welcomed the members of PAB-MDM and made opening remarks. She stated that MDM has significant effect on school participation, not just in terms of getting more children enrolled in the schools but also in terms of regular pupil attendance on a daily basis while substantially contributing towards reduction in drop out rates. It was also emphasized that Mid-day Meals spread egalitarian values, as children from various social backgrounds learn to sit together and share a common meal. In particular, MDM helps in breaking the barriers of class difference among school children. It was further highlighted that the gender gap in school participation tends to narrow, as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme helps erode the barriers that prevent girls from going to school. Mid-Day Meal Scheme also provides a useful source of gainful employment for women and helps liberate working women from the burden of cooking for their children at home during the day.

JS (EE.I) appreciated the State Government's good practices/initiatives viz. State is providing Rs. 500/- additional honorarium to Cook cum Helper. Tracking of CUG mobile connections of block resource persons to monitor the field visits. Provision of monetary award to all the members of the best performing Vidyalaya Shiksha Samiti of each district.

3. Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar, briefed the PAB about the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in the State during 2020-21 and the initiatives taken by the State Government for improving the effectiveness of the scheme along with proposals in Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2021-22.

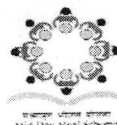
#### **4. Review of Performance during 2020-21**

##### **4.1 Coverage of children:**

##### **4.1.1 Average number of children availed MDM vis-à-vis enrolment:**

The State has enrollment of 1.12 crore children in primary and 59.39 lakh children in upper primary in the year 2020-21. Out of these on an average basis Food Security Allowance has been provided to 75.87 lakh children (67%) in primary and 43.73 lakh children (72%) in upper primary during the year 2020-21. Therefore, out of the total enrollment of 1.71 crore children in elementary classes, FSA has been provided to about 1.18 crore.

##### **4.1.2 Average number of children availed MDM vis-à-vis PAB-MDM Approval:**





For the year 2020-21 the PAB-MDM has approved 73.24 lakh children at primary and 37.35 lakh children at upper primary level.

PAB observed inconsistencies in data of coverage of children submitted by State during the year. As per the initial QPRs submitted by State the average coverage of children for the year is 1.09 crore children. In the first QPR for the period of April to June, 2020, State had informed that total 1.61 crore children have been provided FSA.

In the AWP&B, 2021-22, initially State submitted that the average coverage of children is 1.28 crore. During the appraisal, State submitted revised figures of coverage of children for the period April to June and reduced the figure from 1.61 crore to 1.20 crore. In the revised AWP&B, State has reported the average coverage of children is 1.18 crore.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed serious concern over inconsistencies of data and mismanagement of data handling. PAB also observed that even though State has engaged dedicated personnel for MDM, there are so many avoidable anomalies in the furnished data regarding number of children. PAB also directed the State to find out the reasons for the inconsistencies in the submitted data of coverage of children, fix responsibilities and submit an action taken note by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. PAB also expressed concern over non coverage of about 30% enrolled children and advised the State to make efforts to identify reasons and take corrective action in order to cover all enrolled children.

#### **4.2 School Working Days:**

The State has covered 234 working days against the PAB approval of 245 days.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed concern over non-coverage of 11 working days and directed that MDM or FSA should be provided to all eligible children for all working days approved by PAB MDM.

#### **4.3 Fund Flow Mechanism**

State informed that once the allotment of funds is drawn from the treasury it is sub allotted to the district through e-transfer on the basis of last three month average expenditure. From district level, funds are released on the basis of auto generated school wise information from MIS, as per school level expenditure subsequently district transfers required fund to schools through RTGS.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to implement the new system for release of funds in line with the directions of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt of India. PAB also expressed concern over delay in release of State share and advised the State to ensure timely release of its mandatory share.

#### **4.4 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):**

State has reported utilization of 97% funds under MME during 2020-21. PAB observed that as informed by the State Rs 26.66 crore has been spent towards hiring charges of manpower at various levels in 2020-21. PAB observed that, this expenditure was Rs 19.89 crore during financial year 2019-20. This abnormal increase of Rs 6.77 crore needs to be explained by State, since there is no increase in number of persons and their salaries during 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20 as per the data provided by the State.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed concern over this issue and directed the State to submit a detailed report including details of personnel engaged and their salaries and other allowances paid during the year 2019-20 and 2020-21. PAB also advised the State to conduct a separate third party audit of expenditure under MME.

#### **4.5 Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and honorarium**



PAB-MDM has approved 2,45,316 cook-cum-helpers to be engaged during 2020-21 in the State, the State has engaged 2,38,869 cook-cum-helpers. State is providing an additional amount of Rs 500 per CCH per month additional honorarium from its own resources.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the additional contribution made by the State towards honorarium to CCH.

#### **4.6 Kitchen-cum-Stores (Construction as well as repair):**

Central assistance of Rs. 15202.81 Lakh has been released for construction of 66550 Kitchen-cum-Stores. As on 31.03.2021, construction has been completed for 58363 Kitchen-cum-stores. The State Government has started construction work for 484 kitchen-cum-stores. Further, State has mentioned that Rs. 3872 lakh, for construction of 7703 kitchen cum stores has been surrendered to GOI.

Further, PAB-MDM has approved 35266 units of Kitchen cum Stores for repair during 2019-20. However, the funds could not be released as State did not submit details of the year-wise sanction and construction of these kitchens cum stores despite several reminders. During 2020-21 State has reduced the proposal to 9566 units only. Information on the Physical and financial progress on the utilization of funds under Kitchen cum stores is yet to be submitted by State Government. Revised Physical and Financial progress report as well as the information on release of entire due State share is required for the release of funds for 9566 units of repair of kitchen cum stores. Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar, assured that the complete report with respect to Kitchen-cum-stores will be submitted to Govt of India.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to submit a detailed report on kitchen-cum-stores by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 as assured.

#### **4.7 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):**

Central assistance of Rs 3597.80 lakh has been released from 2006-07 onwards for procurement of 71956 units of kitchen devices @ Rs.5,000 per school. The State has reported that all units of kitchen devices have been procured.

Central assistance of Rs. 9921.11 lakh has also been released towards replacement of 130345 units of kitchen devices. The State has reported that so far 67561 units of kitchen devices have been procured. Central assistance for 62784 units were released on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and thus the process for procurement of these kitchen devices is still under progress.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of State and advised the State to complete the procurement of remaining units by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

#### **4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:**

State has developed School Nutrition Gardens in only 8270 schools out of 70333 schools. It was informed that due to closure of schools during 2020-21, the development work of more School Nutrition Gardens could not be taken up. State has planned that on every 15<sup>th</sup> day of every month children will be engaged on participatory learning exercises with resource persons from horticulture experts of KVK to provide practical sessions at the School Nutrition Gardens after reopening of schools while adhering to the norms of social distancing. Interested students may be enrolled as Krishi Mantris of the Bal Sansad. KVK will serve as the technical resource for kitchen garden development and maintenance.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to make concerted efforts for development of School Nutrition Gardens in remaining all schools. State may develop school nutrition

gardens in remaining schools in convergence with local Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Agriculture Dept and Horticulture Dept etc. The funds available under MNREGA of Department of Rural Development for certain eligible components may also be utilized in convergence with them.

#### **4.9 Community Participation - Tithi Bhojan or similar practices**

The state government has not yet initiated the concept of public participation in the scheme although in some places community provides some food items to children on special occasions.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to encourage community participation in Mid Day Meal Scheme through Tithi Bhojan. This would help in promoting a sense of ownership of the scheme among the community and the children may get supplementary nutrition.

#### **4.10 Supplementary Nutrition:**

Secretary (SE&L) enquired about the general status of health of children in the State particularly related to health conditions like kwashiorkor which is generally caused by protein deficiency, considering the prevailing COVID pandemic situation. State is advised to submit a report on this matter, in consultation with the State Health Department.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to provide supplementary nutrition items in aspirational districts and districts having high prevalence of malnutrition i.e. districts where 75% or more children are anaemic as per National Family Health Survey (NFHS) Report.

#### **4.11 Testing of meals :**

No testing was carried out during 2020-21 as schools remain closed and FSA was provided to children.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to carry out the testing of meals/ dry rations through NABL / FSSAI Accredited laboratories across the State, as envisaged under MDM guidelines.

#### **4.12 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers and other capacity building activities:**

State has not organized training of cook-cum-helpers during the current financial year.

**Comments of PAB:** State was advised to organize training programmes for all the Cook-cum-Helpers, whenever feasible, considering the pandemic situation.

#### **4.13 Data Entry on MDM-MIS Web Portal:**

MDM-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of MDMS. The annual data entry module captures master data on availability of kitchen-cum-stores, kitchen devices, number of cook-cum-helpers engaged, mode of cooking etc. The monthly data entry module captures data on number of days Mid-Day Meal was served; number of meals served, honorarium paid to cook-cum-helpers engaged, number of children received IFA tablets, number of children screened under Rashtritya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The State has completed annual data entry for 100% schools and monthly data entry for 100% in the MIS portal.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the steps taken by the State Government and advised them to continue timely data submission.

#### **4.14 Status of implementation of Automated Monitoring System (AMS):**



During 2020-21 entries under AMS could not be made because schools remained closed due to COVID pandemic and dry ration was distributed.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the reasons.

#### **4.15 Centralized kitchens:**

State has entrusted the work of serving MDM to 953776 children in 4478 schools in 26 districts to 13 NGOs from their centralized kitchens.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to adhere to the extant guidelines for engaging Civil Society Organizations / Non-Government Organizations in Mid Day Meal Scheme.

#### **4.16 Social Audit:**

State has not conducted Social Audit during 2020-21.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed concern over the issue of non conduct of Social Audit by the State and advised the State to conduct Social Audit in all districts in the State during 2021-22. It was emphasized that Section 28 of National Food Security Act mandates Social Audit, that is collective monitoring of a scheme by people's active involvement. State was also advised to take appropriate measures for display of entitlements of children under MDM at a prominent place easily visible to public in all schools. State was also advised to undertake awareness generation about the scheme and short videos, posters, jingles etc may be prepared for this purpose, which may be circulated widely using various media including social media, local news channels, community radio etc across the State.

#### **4.17 Provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance during closure of schools due to COVID-19**

The State informed that food-grains and dry ration and cooking cost were provided to beneficiaries through DBT as Food Security Allowance during closure of schools for 234 days during 2020-21. State has also provided Food Security Allowance for 21 days during summer vacations.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the provision of Food Security Allowance during closure of schools.

#### **4.18 Other proposals and issues discussed, if any**

State Government has requested to enhance the honorarium of Cook-cum-Helpers.

**Comments of PAB :** The proposal of the State has been noted. State was advised to continue providing additional honorarium over and above the minimum mandatory State share to Cook-cum-Helpers.

### **5. Component wise Proposals and PAB-MDM Approvals**

#### **5.1 Coverage of children**

State Government has proposed to cover 77,88,243 children in primary classes and 42,33,321 children in upper primary classes during 2021-22.

**Approval of PAB:** After detailed discussions, PAB-MDM approved to cover 75,87,180 children in primary classes and 42,33,321 children in upper primary classes on an average basis during 2021-22. Secretary (SE&L) advised the State that all possible efforts should be made to ensure that FSA is delivered to the eligible children well in time i.e. FSA

pertaining to a period of 45 to 60 working days shall be delivered in one go within 15 days of corresponding period.

## **5.2 Coverage of Working Days**

State Government has proposed to serve MDM on 245 days in primary and 245 days in upper primary schools during 2021-22 as per the annual academic calendar.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State to serve MDM on 245 days in primary and 245 days in upper primary schools during 2021-22.

## **5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)**

State Government has proposed to engage 1,75,843 Cook-cum-Helpers in primary and 69,473 Cook-cum-Helpers in upper primary under Mid Day Meal Scheme during 2021-22.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State to engage 1,75,843 Cook-cum-Helpers in primary and 69,473 Cook-cum-Helpers in upper primary under Mid Day Meal Scheme during 2021-22.

## **5.4 Drought**

Drought has not been notified in the State.

**Approval of PAB:** Not applicable

## **5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-stores**

State submitted no proposal.

**Approval of PAB:** Not Applicable.

## **5.6 Kitchen Devices**

State submitted no proposal.

**Approval of PAB:** Not Applicable

## **5.7 Flexibility for new interventions**

For School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, State may use a maximum of Rs 10584.36 lakh (5% of total recurring Central and State share). This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

### **5.7.1 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens**

State has not submitted any proposal for development of school nutrition gardens.

**Approval of PAB:** PAB advised to develop of School Nutrition Gardens through convergence with local Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Agriculture Dept and Horticulture Dept etc. The funds available under MNREGA of Department of Rural Development for certain eligible components may also be utilized in convergence with them.

### **5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition**

State has not submitted any proposal for supplementary nutrition.



**Comments of PAB:** PAB observed that supplementary nutrition is essential in the aspirational districts and districts with high prevalence of anemia as per NFHS report. PAB in principle approved the provision of supplementary nutrition in these districts by using funds available under flexi fund component. Accordingly, State was advised to submit a detailed proposal in this regard by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. The expenditure for this purpose will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share). Further, State is advised to conduct a base line study and end line study of the effect of this intervention through a reputed Central/State university/ Institution by utilizing MME funds and share the findings.

### **5.8 Cooking Competitions**

State Government has proposed to organize cooking competitions at various levels i.e. Block level, District level and State level for promoting variety menu.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State for organizing cooking competitions at various levels by utilizing MME funds.

### **5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers**

State has proposed to train all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers during 2021-22.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State for training of all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers by utilizing MME funds and following COVID protocols.

### **5.10 Awareness Generation through Publicity and IEC activities**

During the discussions, State proposed to carry out various awareness generation activities during 2021-22 by utilising MME funds.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of State to carry out awareness generation activities like prominent display of entitlements of children in all schools under Mid Day Meal Scheme, publicity of Mid Day Meal Scheme and various IEC activities including preparation of videos and short films, jingles, community radio etc. during 2021-22 by utilising MME funds.

### **5.11 Provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance (FSA) during summer vacation as a one - time special welfare measure due to COVID-19**

State has submitted proposal for covering 77,88,243 children in primary classes and 42,33,321 children in upper primary classes for 21 days, during summer vacations in 2021-22. Secretary (SE&L) mentioned that under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) Central Government is providing an additional quota of free-of-cost food-grains (Rice/Wheat) @ 5 Kg per person per month, over and above their regular monthly entitlements under PDS Scheme under NFSA to about 80 crore beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act. Therefore, it has been decided that during summer vacations of 2021-22 only cooking cost will be provided through DBT mode only to eligible children.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved provisions of cooking cost to 75,87,180 children at primary and 42,33,321 children at upper primary classes for 21 days, during summer vacations in 2021-22.

## 6. Summary of PAB-MDM approvals (Physical) for the year 2021-22

### 6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB-MDM Approvals (Physical) for 2021-22
<b>1</b>	<b>Schools</b>	
1.1	Primary	39363
1.2	Upper Primary	30970
1.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
<b>2</b>	<b>Children</b>	
2.1	Primary	7587180
2.2	Upper Primary	4233321
2.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
<b>3</b>	<b>Working Days</b>	
3.1	Primary	245
3.2	Upper Primary	245
3.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
<b>4</b>	<b>Cook-cum-Helpers</b>	
4.1	Primary	175843
4.2	Upper Primary	69473
<b>5</b>	<b>Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations</b>	
5.1	Children (Pry)	0
5.2	Children (U Pry)	0
5.3	Working days	0
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	0
<b>6</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>	
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
6.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0
6.3	Kitchen Devices	0
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0
<b>7</b>	<b>Provision of MDM (Cooking cost) during summer vacations 2021-22 as a one time measure</b>	
7.1	Children (Pry)	7587180
7.2	Children (U Pry)	4233321
7.3	Working days	21

### 6.2 Flexibility for new interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2021-22
1	Flexibility for new interventions	



1.1	School Nutrition Gardens	Develop school nutrition gardens in all schools in convergence with line departments.
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition	In-principle approval to provide supplementary food items in aspirational districts and the districts with high prevalence of malnutrition. State to submit the proposal in this regard by 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

## 7. Summary of PAB-MDM approvals (Financial) for the year 2021-22

### 7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in Lakh)				
S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
<b>1</b>	<b>Recurring</b>			
1.1	Serving of MDM during regular school working days	133975.82	77711.42	211687.23
1.2	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0	0	0
<b>Total Recurring</b>				
<b>2</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>			
2.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store	0	0	0
2.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0	0	0
2.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (new)	0	0	0
2.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0	0	0
<b>Total Non-Recurring</b>		0	0	0
<b>Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)</b>		133975.82	77711.42	211687.23
<b>3</b>	<b>Provision of MDM during summer vacations 2021-22 as a one time measure</b>			
3.1	One time Assistance	8721.88	5819.89	14541.77
<b>Grand Total (1+2+3)</b>		<b>142697.69</b>	<b>83531.31</b>	<b>226229.00</b>

### 7.2 Flexibility for new interventions

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
<b>1</b>	<b>Flexibility for new interventions</b>			
1.1	School Nutrition Gardens	In convergence with other line departments in State		
1.2	In principle approval to provide supplementary food items in aspirational districts	6698.79	3885.57	10584.36

and the districts with high prevalence of malnutrition. State to submit the proposal in this regard by 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021.			
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*Note: This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).*

8. The quantification of central assistance of Rs. 142697.69 Lakh & 341460.47 MT food grains and minimum mandatory State share of Rs 83531.31 lakh has been done as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-MDM approvals for the year 2021-22. The detailed component-wise quantification for 2021-22 is at **Appendix-I**.
9. It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of foodgrains during 2021-22 under the MDM Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, MDM rules, MDM Guidelines and instructions issued from time to time, provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served hot cooked mid-day meal or provided with Food Security Allowance, as applicable, on all school days.

During the year, if it is noticed by the State Govt. that more funds are needed to implement the Mid Day Meal Scheme, due to increase in the attendance of children, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach Government of India at any time during the year with justification seeking additional Central Assistance and foodgrains.

Similarly, if the Central Government observes less coverage than the approvals, the actual releases may be restricted to actual coverage.

It is pertinent to note that on normal school days, only those enrolled children who attend schools are provided hot cooked meal. However, during closure of schools due to COVID-19 all enrolled children are eligible for Food Security Allowance. Accordingly, proposals of State Government and UT Administrations have been approved. Once the schools are reopened, the actual coverage of children in schools will be reviewed and the actual releases will be made accordingly.

10. The State is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the State and districts so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every child attending an eligible school must be served hot cooked Mid-Day Meals or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-MDM.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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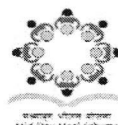
## State: Bihar

**QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2021-22****A. Food grains**

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	7587180	245	185885.91	0	185885.91
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	4233321	245	155574.55	0	155574.55
3	NCLP ( @150 gms per child per school day)	0	0	0	0	0
4	Drought					
4.1	Primary	0	0	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		11820501	0	341460.46	0	341460.46
5	For summer vacations as one time measure only cooking cost is provided					
5.1	Primary	7587180	21	0	0	0
5.2	Upper Primary	4233321	21	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		23641002		341460.46		341460.46

**B. Cost of Food-grains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance, Honorarium to Cook-Cum-Helpers and Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME)**

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
<b>Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	5576.58
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 2.98 per child per day	55394.00
2.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 1.99 per child per day</b>	36991.30
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1094 Per MT food grains	2033.59
4	<b>Honorarium for 175843 Cook-Cum-Helper</b>	
4.1	Central Share – (@ Rs 600 for 10 months)	10550.58
4.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)</b>	7033.72
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the	1985.98
	i. Cost of food grains	
	ii. Cooking cost	
	iii. Cost of transportation and	





	iv. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
<b>Total Central Share for Primary</b>		<b>75540.73</b>
<b>Upper Primary</b>		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	4667.24
7	<b>Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45 per child per day</b>	
7.1	<b>Central share @ Rs. 4.47 per child per day</b>	46361.21
7.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 2.98 per child per day</b>	30907.48
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1094 Per MT food grains	1701.99
9	<b>Honorarium for 69473Cook-Cum-Helpers</b>	
9.1	<b>Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months)</b>	4168.38
9.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)</b>	2778.92
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i. Cost of food grains ii. Cooking cost iii. Cost of transportation and iv. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	1536.27
<b>Total Central Share for Upper Primary</b>		<b>58435.09</b>
<b>NCLP (0)</b>		
11	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	0
12	<b>Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45 per child per day</b>	
12.1	<b>Central share @ Rs. 4.47 per child per day</b>	0
12.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @Rs. 2.98 per child per day</b>	0
12.3	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1094 Per MT food grains	0
12.4	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the i. Cost of food grains ii. Cooking cost and iii. Cost of transportation	0
<b>Total Central Share for NCLP</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)</b>		<b>133975.82</b>

C. Drought : Nil

D. Non-recurring :

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-store	0.00
2	Repair of kitchen-cum-store (0)	0.00
3	Kitchen Devices (New) (0)	0.00
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement) (0)	0.00
<b>Total Central Share (Non-recurring)</b>		<b>0.00</b>

**E. Flexible funds for new interventions**

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Component	Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
1	Serving of MDM during regular school working days – from Table B	133975.82	77711.42	211687.23
2	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0	0	0
3	Total (1+2)	133975.82	77711.42	211687.23
4	Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions	6350.62	4233.74	10584.36

**F. Cost of Food-grains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance for providing MDM or FSA during summer vacations as one time measure:**

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
<b>Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	NA
2	<b>Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97 per child per day</b>	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs 2.98 per child per day ( No. of Students 7587180 * No. of Days 21)	4748.06
2.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.1.99 per child per day</b>	3170.68
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs.1094 Per MT food grains	NA
<b>Total Central Share for Primary</b>		<b>4748.06</b>
<b>Upper Primary</b>		
4	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	NA
5	<b>Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45 per child per day</b>	
5.1	<b>Central share @ Rs. 4.47 per child per day</b> (No. of Students 4233321* No. of Days 21)	3973.82
5.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.98 per child per day</b>	2649.21
6	Transportation cost @ Rs.1094 Per MT food grains	NA
<b>Total Central Share for Upper Primary</b>		<b>3973.82</b>
<b>Total central share for primary and upper primary</b>		<b>8721.88</b>

**G. Total Requirement of Funds for 2021-22**

(Rs. in lakh)

<b>Component</b>		<b>Centre Share</b>	<b>Minimum Mandatory State share</b>	<b>Total</b>
Recurring	Normal	133975.82	77711.42	211687.23
	Drought			
Non- recurring		0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		133975.82	77711.42	211687.23
<b>For summer vacations as one time measure</b>		8721.88	5819.89	14541.77
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>142697.69</b>	<b>83531.31</b>	<b>226229.00</b>

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