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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid-Day Meal Scheme in respect of State of Arunachal Pradesh held on 23rd May, 2018.

The meeting of Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal Scheme to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2018-19 in respect of **State of Arunachal Pradesh** was held on **23.05.2018** at New Delhi.

2. A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is enclosed for information & necessary action.
3. The Annual Work Plan & Budget 2018-19 has the approval of Secretary (SE&L).


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17.	Shri Biraj Patnaik, Principal Advisor, Office of Supreme Court Commissioner, B-68, 2 nd Floor, Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi – 110001	18.	Shri J.H. Panwal, Joint Technical Advisor, Food and Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, R.No. 103, Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001.
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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board - Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM)
on 23.05.2018 – Arunachal Pradesh.**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 23rd May, 2018. 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 for the State of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of Arunachal Pradesh for MDM Scheme.

2. Mrs. Ritu Aggarwal, Deputy Secretary, MDM and Member Secretary, PAB welcomed the members of PAB-MDM and other participants. She requested Shri V Shashank Shekhar, Joint Secretary (EE.I) to make his opening remarks. Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated State Government's good practices/initiatives viz. supply of fresh fruits like apples, oranges, bananas in nominal cost to schools by village community, development of kitchen gardens in school campus.

3. Dr. Madhu Rani Teotia, Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh briefed the PAB about the steps taken by the State for implementation of the scheme in Arunachal Pradesh. Sh. Tapi Gao, Director of Elementary Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh made a presentation on the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during 2017-18 and the initiatives taken by the State Government for improving the effectiveness of the scheme along with proposals for 2018-19. Shri Rajat Gupta, Senior Consultant, Technical Support Group-Mid Day Meal (TSG-MDM), Ed.CIL India Ltd. also presented an analysis of the performance of the State in the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during 2017-18.

4. The following issues were discussed during the meeting:

4.1 Coverage of children: It was informed that average coverage of children against enrolment during 2017-18 was 96% and 97% in primary and upper primary respectively which is well above the national average of 76%. It was further informed that there is a decline in the enrolment and coverage of children under primary as well as upper category in the FY 2017-18 as compared to FY 2016-17. JS(EE.I), Govt. of India enquired from the State Govt. the reasons for the decline. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh informed that implementation of SDMIS (Student Database MIS) in the State resulted in checking of duplication in enrolment which further resulted in reduction in coverage.

4.2 Fund Flow: JS(EE.I) observed that there was a delay of 8 months in release of funds from State to school level. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh informed that in

order to reduce the delay, the State has adopted Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for transfer of funds. With PFMS system, fund flow is becoming more regular and delay in release of fund will be reduced significantly.

4.3 Mode of cooking: It was mentioned that firewood is used as mode of cooking in 99% schools. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh informed that the State Government is exploring the option of procuring the gas connections through “Ujjwala Yojna” and accordingly the proposal will be submitted to the competent authority in State Government. It was discussed that in hilly areas there are issues relating to refill of LPG.

4.4 Automated Monitoring System: It was mentioned that the State has not fully rolled out AMS. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh informed that a large number of schools are not reporting daily data on AMS due to poor mobile network coverage and change in mobile numbers of teachers. She assured that database of mobile numbers of the teachers will be updated in AMS to increase the coverage of more number of schools under AMS.

4.5 Data entry on MIS web portal: JS (EE.I) observed mismatch in data submitted through AWP&B and data entered into MDM-MIS. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh mentioned that the mismatch is due to incomplete data entry into the portal. She assured that the data entry into the portal will be completed during 2018-19 which would result in reconciliation of data of AWP&B and MIS.

4.6 Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK): Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that health check-up of only 60873 (33%) children was carried out in the State. IFA distribution has been made to only 31077 (17%) and deworming tablets to 62466 (34%) children. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh informed that the State education department will coordinate with the Health department for better convergence and ensure that 100% children are covered under RBSK.

4.7 Joint Review Mission (JRM): It was informed that JRM team visited two districts namely Lower Subansiri and Papum Pare in the State in December, 2017. It was further mentioned that major observations of the JRM team were interruption in serving MDM, delay in release of funds, delay in payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers, poor inspection of schools etc. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh informed that all the issues related to JRM report are being dealt under the guidance & supervision of Chief Secretary. She added that Department of Education will be preparing a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to ensure consistency & quality in serving mid day meal to children. She further added that Chief Secretary has directed the Department to put in place a full proof system which is devoid of any leakages in the MDM scheme. She added that the State Govt. has sought the action taken report from the districts and accordingly a detailed action taken report will be submitted to GOI. JS(EE.I) mentioned that a separate meeting would be convened after 1 month with the State Govt. officers, on this issue.

4.8 Provision of safe drinking water: Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that only 83 schools in the State have water filtration facility. He advised the State officials to ensure that all the schools have safe drinking water facility. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh informed that the State will take appropriate measures to ensure safe drinking water supply in all the schools.

4.9 Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee: As per the information provided, 72 meetings of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the

chairpersonship of the District collector have taken place in 23 districts. As per MDM guidelines at least one meeting per month should be held. JS (EE.I) advised the State to ensure that these meetings are held regularly. Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh assured to take necessary steps in this regard.

4.10 Use of Millets: JS (EE.I) mentioned that Ministry of Agriculture has decided to celebrate 2018-19 as 'Year of nutri cereals (Millets)'. He further suggested the State to explore the possibilities to introduce millets or any other traditional locally available nutritional grains in Mid Day Meal Scheme.

4.11 Ayushman Bharat: Joint Secretary (EE.I) mentioned about the importance of School Health component of recently launched programme of Ayushman Bharat. Dr. Anindita Shukla, Senior Consultant, TSG-MDM, informed that under Ayushman Bharat, identified school teachers will be trained as 'Health and Wellness Ambassadors' who in turn will train the school children on Yoga & Meditation, health & hygiene, cleanliness and adolescent issues etc. She further added that provision of water purification systems of appropriate technology, Yoga & Meditation and provision of sanitary napkins for girl child in the schools are very important components in the service delivery part of School Health Component of Ayushman Bharat. Funds are also available in the programme of Menstrual Hygiene Programme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. JS (EE.I) advised the State to coordinate the efforts in this regard with the concerned departments and share the status with Dr. Anindita Shukla.

4.12 Kitchen Garden: Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh informed that 160 schools are having kitchen garden and work for developing kitchen gardens is under progress in 33 schools. Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated the efforts made by the State and advised to set up kitchen gardens in all the schools where land is available. He further suggested that State Horticulture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) etc. may also be roped in for this purpose.

4.13 Other proposals made by the State: Secretary (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh mentioned that in order to strengthen and improve the monitoring and evaluation of scheme, MME may be increased suitably. She also mentioned that in view of the extra cost of transportation of pulses, the State would like to defer the procurement of pulses from Central Buffer Stock through NAFED for FY 2018-19.

5. PAB-MDM approvals for the year 2018-19

It was clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance during 2018-19 under the MDM Scheme. The MDM Guidelines provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served mid-day meal on all school days. In case the State Govt. finds that the average number of children availing mid-day meal and/or if the working days are more than the approved numbers by PAB-MDM, they may approach the GOI at any time with justification for additional Central Assistance.

After discussions with State officials and based on the performance during 2017-18 the PAB-MDM approved the following number of children, number of school days etc. for quantifying the Central assistance for Arunachal Pradesh :-

5.1 State Govt.'s Proposals and PAB -MDM Approvals for 2018-19

S. No.	Component	PAB Approval 2017-18	Proposal for 2018-19	Recommendations by appraisal team
1	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	2197	2010	2010
1.2	Upper Primary	1214	1172	1172
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	126893	115005	115005
2.2	Upper Primary	66175	60451	60451
2.3	NCLP	-	-	-
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	220	220	220
3.2	Upper Primary	220	220	220
3.3	NCLP	-	-	-
4	Cook cum Helpers			
4.1	Primary	6749	6525	6525
4.2	Upper Primary			
5	Non Recurring			
5.1	Kitchen cum Store	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.2	Kitchen Devices	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Central Assistance (Rs in Crore)			
6.1	Recurring	27.83	25.67	25.67
6.2	Non-recurring	0	0	0
6.3	Grand Total	27.83	25.67	25.67

5. 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 midday meals on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-MDM.

6. The quantification of central assistance of Rs. 25.67 crore has been done as per existing norms on the basis of number of children and working days approved by PAB-MDM for the year 2018-19. The Component- wise approval of funds for 2018-19 is enclosed at Appendix-1.

QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2018-19**A. Food grains**

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	No. of Working days	Quantity in MTs.
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	115005	220	2530.11
2	Up. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	60451	220	1994.88
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	0		
4	Drought	0		
4.1	Primary	0		
4.2	Upper Primary	0		
TOTAL		175456		4524.99

B. Cost of Foodgrains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance, Hon. to cook-cum-helpers and Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME)

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000/- per MT for 2530.11 MT rice	75.90
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.13 per day / per child for 115005 children for 220 days	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.72 per child per day	941.20
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ 0.41 per child per day	103.73
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs 2600 Per MT food grains (115005 x 220 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs.2600)	65.78
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper (Primary and Upper Primary)	
4.1	Central Share - (6525 x Rs.900x 10 months)	587.25
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - (6525 x Rs. 100 x 10 months)	65.25
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	30.06
TOTAL - {1+2.1 +3+4.1+5}		1700.19

Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for 1994.88 MT rice	59.85
7	Unit Cooking Cost 6.18 per day / per child for 60451 children for 220 days	
7.1	Central share @ Rs.5.56 per child per day	739.44
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.62 per child per day	82.46
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 2600 Per MT food grains (60451 x 220 days x 0.00015 x 2600)	51.87
9	Honorarium to cook cum Helper (Included in Primary)	
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost 3) Cost of transportation and 4) Honorarium to cook - cum-helpers	15.32
	TOTAL - {6+7.1 +8+10}	866.48
	Grand Total (Primary + Upper Primary)	2566.67

C. Drought : NIL

D. Non-recurring : NIL

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2018-19

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		<u>As per existing norms</u>	
		Centre	Minimum mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	2566.67	251.44
	Drought	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0
Total		2566.67	251.44

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