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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid-Day Meal Scheme in respect of State Jharkhand held on 25th 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 **Jharkhand** was held on 25.05.2018 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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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board - Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM) on
25th May, 2018 – Jharkhand**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 25th 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 Government of Jharkhand.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of Jharkhand for MDM Scheme.

2. Shri G. Vijaya Bhaskar, Director (MDM) and Member Secretary, PAB, welcomed the members of PAB-MDM and other participants. He requested Shri V Shashank Shekhar, Joint Secretary (EE.I), to make his opening remarks. Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated Government of Jharkhand's good practices/initiatives viz. additional payment of honorarium to Cook-cum-helper from State own resources, one apple or banana/ boiled egg served to the children thrice a week and Biscuits/Muri chana served on Tuesday and Thursday, 200 ml fortified flavoured milk per child per day is being provided for 10,000 children in 35 schools of Latehar District. JS (EE-I) also appreciated Govt. of Jharkhand that they have linked enrolment of children with aadhar and deleted duplicate approx. three lakh enrolments from the total enrolment.

3. Shri Shailesh Kumar Chourasia, Additional Secretary-cum-Director, Department of Education, Government of Jharkhand made a presentation on the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during 2017-18 and the initiatives taken by the State for improving the effectiveness of the scheme along with proposals for 2018-19. Shri Dinesh Pradhan, Consultant (MIS), Technical Support Group, Mid Day Meal (TSG-MDM), 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 67% of the enrolled children at primary and 63% at upper primary have availed MDM on an average basis during 2017-18. It was discussed about low coverage of children which is below the national average of 76%. The coverage of children below the state average observed in the districts viz. Deoghar, Giridih, Garhwa and Shahebganj. Addl. Secretary-cum-Director, Govt. of Jharkhand informed that State is providing boiled eggs/fruits for 3 days in week for improvement of nutrition of children, which has resulted in a significant increase of 6% in coverage of children from 2016-17. He also emphasized that different campaigns had been made for enrolment drives viz. PRAYAS, Vidyalaya Chalein Chalayen Abhiyan for increase the attendance of the children. It was also discussed that Jharkhand had taken a positive step by detecting duplicate entries of about two lakh names. JS (EE.I) advised the State to keep on looking for innovative ideas for improvement in coverage of children. He further advised to conduct studies to find out the reason of low coverage and submit report.

4.2. **Less coverage of working days:** It was informed that State has covered 247 working days against the PAB approval of 254 days. JS (EE-I) enquired about the less coverage of the

working days. Addl. Secretary-cum-Director of Jharkhand informed that Schools were closed down due to extended summer vacation and other local reasons.

4.3. Kitchen-cum-Stores: State has proposed to surrender the central assistance sanctioned for construction of 2553 kitchen-cum-stores at the flat rate of Rs 60000/- per unit. The PAB-MDM approved the proposal in 2017-18, however, State did not surrender the funds during 2017-18. Addl. Secretary-cum-Director informed that the State is in the process of reconciling the data from districts and therefore the delay. JS (EE-I) advised the State to expedite the process of reconciliation and submit the report.

4.4. Use of LPG: Addl. Secretary-cum-Director, Govt. of Jharkhand informed that budget has been sanctioned for providing LPG as mode of cooking to all schools in the State and procurement and distribution process would be done within a month.

4.5. Payment to FCI : JS (EE-I) raised concern about outstanding payment of cost of food grains to FCI. An amount of Rs.39.97 crore is pending as on 31.03.2018 as per FCI statement. Additional Secretary-cum-Director, Govt. of Jharkhand informed that an amount of Rs.10.03 crore has been paid during March, 2018 and remaining outstanding bills of the FCI would be paid after district wise reconciliation of figures with FCI statements. JS(EE-I) instructed the State officials to reconcile figures at district level vis-a-vis FCI statements and clear all the pending bills to FCI.

4.6. Slow progress of monthly data entry: Addl. Secretary-cum-Director, Govt. of Jharkhand assured that monthly and timely data entry activities would be done by sensitization of the District and Block level data entry officials.

4.7. Variation of MIS and AWP&B data: JS (EE-1) raised concern about variations of data in various components submitted in AWP&B-2018-19 and data entered into MIS portal by the State. He further added that huge variation was observed in data of consumption of food grains and utilization of cooking cost. Addl. Secretary-cum-Director, Govt. of Jharkhand assured that effective mechanism would be put in place to ensure accuracy and quality of data entry in MDM-MIS portal. He further added that they would use MIS data only as single data source for quality of online data from this financial year onwards.

4.8. Provision of safe drinking water: Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that only 298 schools have installed water filtration and 41 schools have installed RO/UF for safe drinking water in the schools. He advised the State to ensure that all schools must have safe drinking water facility. It was mentioned that Ministry of Panchayati Raj provides funds to States, which may also be used for drinking water facilities, toilets etc.

4.9. Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee: As per the information provided, 64 meetings of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the District collector have taken place in 13 districts. JS (EE.I) emphasized upon the importance of these meetings and advised the State to ensure that these meetings must be held regularly in all the districts regularly. Addl. Secretary-cum-Director, Jharkhand 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 / मोटा अनाज). He further suggested the State to explore the possibilities to introduce millets 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 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:** Addl. Secretary-cum-Director, Department of Education, Government of Jharkhand informed that 520 schools are having kitchen garden. Joint Secretary (EE.I) advised State to set up kitchen gardens in all schools where ever feasible. He further suggested that State Horticulture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) etc. may also be roped in for this purpose.

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 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 2018-19:-

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

S. No.	Component	PAB Approval 2017-18	Proposal for 2018-19	PAB-MDM Approval for 2018-19
1.	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	25606	24954	24954
1.2	Upper Primary	14419	14620	14620
1.3	STC (NCLP)	148	148	148
2.	Children			
2.1	Primary	2063679	2398065	2251113
2.2	Upper Primary	925474	1014800	954152
2.3	NCLP	7309	4694	4694
2.3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	254	254	254
3.2	Upper Primary	254	254	254
3.3	NCLP	311	312	312
4	Cook cum Helper			
4.1	Primary	85066	81577	81577
4.2	Upper Primary			
5	Drought			
5.1	Children (Pry)	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.2	Children (U Pry)	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3	Working days	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Non Recurring			
6.1	Kitchen cum Store	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.2	Kitchen Devices	Nil	Nil	Nil

6.3	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil	Nil	Nil
7	Central Assistance (Rs. in Crore)			
7.1	Regular	Rs. 313.16 cr	Rs. 339.60 cr	Rs. 322.06 cr
7.2	Drought	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.3	Kitchen-cum-stores	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.4	Kitchen Devices	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.5	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	11243	Nil	Nil
7.6	Grand Total	Rs.313.16 cr	Rs. 339.60 cr	Rs. 322.06 cr

7. 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.
8. The quantification of central assistance of Rs. 322.06 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.

State: Jharkhand
QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2018-19

A. Food grains

S.No	Stage	No. of Children	No. of Working days	Quantity in MTs.
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per day)	2251113	254	57178.27
2	Upper Primary (@150 gms. Per child per day)	954152	254	36353.19
3	NCLP (@150 gms. Per child per day)	4694	312	219.68
	TOTAL	3209959		93751.14

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

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 3000/- per MTs for Rice	1715.35
2	Unit Cooking cost Rs. 4.13 per child per day.	
2.1	Central share Cooking Cost @ Rs.2.48 per child per day	14180.21
2.2.	Minimum Mandatory State share @ Rs.1.65 per child per day	9434.41
3	Transportation Assistance @ Rs. 750.00 MT of food grains	428.84
4	Honorarium to Cook-cum-helpers	
4.1	Central share- (@ Rs. 600 for 10 months)	4894.62
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State share- (@ 400 for 10 months)	3263.08
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.80% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking Cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook-cum-helpers	381.94
Total Central Share		21600.96
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 3000/- per MTs for Rice	1090.60
7	Unit Cooking cost Rs.6.18 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs.3.71 per child per day	8991.36
7.2.	Minimum Mandatory State share @ Rs.2.47 per child per day	5986.16

8	Transportation Assistance @ Rs. 750.00 per MT food grains	272.65
9	Honorarium to Cook-cum-helpers	
9.1	Central share- (@Rs.600 for 10 months)	Calculated in Primary
9.2	Minimum Mandatory State share- (@Rs.400 for 10 months)	
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.80% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking Cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook-cum-helpers	186.38
Total Central Share		10540.99
NCLP		
11	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 3000/- per MTs for Rice	6.59
12	Unit Cooking cost Rs.6.18 per child per day	
12.1	Central share @ Rs.3.71 per child per day	54.33
12.2.	Minimum Mandatory State share @ Rs.2.47 per child per day	36.17
13	Transportation Assistance @ Rs. 750.00 MT	1.65
14	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.80% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking Cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook-cum-helpers	1.13
Total Central Share		63.70
Grand Total (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)		32205.65

C. Drought (If Applicable) : Nil

D. Non-recurring : NIL

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2018-19

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	Rs. 32205.65	Rs.18719.82
	Drought	Nil	Nil
Non- recurring		Nil	Nil
Total		Rs. 32205.65	Rs.18719.82

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