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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid-Day Meal Scheme in respect of State of Meghalaya 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 Meghalaya** 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 25.05.2018 – State of Meghalaya

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 State of Meghalaya.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of Meghalaya 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 the State Government's good practices/initiatives viz. provision of corpus fund of Rs. 10 crore by the State Finance Department for smooth implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme, e-transfer of funds from State to all the schools including payment of honorarium from State to accounts of cooks directly, developing of kitchen gardens in 799 schools, preparation and packing of meals by the cooks in lunch boxes at designated place, children pick it up during recess and have meals (to avoid mishappening), awareness campaign for publicity of MDMS through booklets & pamphlets on food safety & hygiene in school kitchens. Community contribution of vegetables, fruits, firewood etc. to schools for meals of the children.

3. Shri. D. P. Wahlang, Principal Secretary, Education Department, Government of Meghalaya briefed the PAB about the technological solutions adopted by the State under MDMS. Shri. A. Ch. Marak, Director of School Education & Literacy, Government of Meghalaya 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. Dr. Mridula Sircar, Senior Consultant, 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 observed that the coverage of children against enrolment in the District of Ri Bhoi is low where the coverage reported is 69% only against State level coverage of 82% at Upper Primary stage. MHRD advised the State officials to take necessary steps to check the drop in coverage and give special focus on Ri Bhoi. Director of School Education & Literacy, Government of Meghalaya assured to take up necessary measures to increase the coverage.

4.2 Kitchen cum store: Dr. Mridula Sircar, Senior Consultant, TSG informed that out of 9491 kitchen-cum-stores sanctioned, State has completed the construction of 9371 Kitchen-cum-stores. Construction of 120 Kitchens are in progress and as informed by the State are near to completion. Principal Secretary, Education Department, Government of Meghalaya assured that within 2 to 3 months, all in progress Kitchen-cum-stores will be completed. He further mentioned that due to natural disasters viz. heavy rainfall, cyclones etc., most of the kitchen-cum-stores constructed 8 to 10 years back, have been damaged and hence it is very risky to use them. He requested Govt. of India to consider the proposal of sanction of funds for repair of damaged kitchen sheds. MHRD clarified that as per the existing norms of the scheme, there is no provision for grant of funds for the repair of kitchen sheds under MDMS. The State was advised to send a proposal to MHRD so that the issue of repairing of kitchen sheds may be taken up, as this type of demand has been raised by other States also.

4.3 Testing of food samples: Joint Secretary(EE.I) inquired from the State officials the reasons for non-testing of food samples. He further informed about the provision of National Food Security Act 2013 which envisaged that the hot cooked meal provided to children shall be tested by the Government Food Research Laboratory or any other laboratory accredited or recognized by law, so as to ensure that the meal meets with the nutritional standards and quality specified in Schedule II of the Act. Principal Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya informed that Pasteur Institute, Shillong has been identified for testing of food samples and from the next month onwards regular testing of food samples will be done.

4.4 Social Audit. State officials informed that Meghalaya Society for Social Audit & Transparency (MSSAT) has conducted pilot social audit in 18 villages covering 19 schools across 6 subdivisions in the State from 17th to 21st of November, 2017 to see the implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme and other schemes of the state. It is appreciated that the Social audit has been

conducted but the State was informed that Social audit must be conducted as per MHRD MDM guidelines and report of the same must be shared with MHRD.

4.5 Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK): Joint Secretary (EE.I) mentioned that during 2017-18, the health check-up of 72% children was conducted and 28% children could not be screened under RBSK. State officials informed that all efforts were made to cover all children under RBSK. They further mentioned that huge number of vacancy of doctors and other medical staff exists especially in rural areas. Principal Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya informed that the efforts are being made to utilize the medical staff available under Ayush Department and assured to get all children screened for Medical check-up.

4.6 Provision of safe drinking water: Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that as reported 11355 schools in the State have safe drinking water facility but no advanced technology is used for water filtration in any of the schools. He advised the State officials to ensure that all the schools with drinking water facility may also explore the options for use of advanced technology for water filtration. He further advised the State Govt. to share the report with this Department. State officials informed that in most of the schools, sand filtration technique is used to purify water. They further informed about a new Innovative Project being formulated by taking inputs from State Council of Science, Technology & Environment, Meghalaya and Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department for provision of safe drinking water facility in two model schools - one for urban and one for rural areas and for this regular meetings and monitoring is being done and very soon it will be implemented.

4.7 Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee: 27 meetings of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the District Collector (for 9 districts out of 11 districts) have taken place. As per MDM guidelines at least one meeting per month should be held. JS (EE.I) expressed his concern over this and advised the State to ensure that these meetings are held regularly. Principal Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya assured to take necessary steps in this regard.

4.8 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.

4.9 Data Entry on MIS-Web Portal: It was observed that there is mismatch in the data submitted through AWP&B and the data entered in the MDM-MIS web portal. He advised the State officials to develop a mechanism to ensure accuracy and quality of the data entry in MDM-MIS. Director, Govt. of Meghalaya assured to take necessary action in this regard.

4.10 Automated Monitoring System (AMS): The State has submitted data of 8 districts only out of 11 districts in AMS Dashboard. Principal Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya informed that training programme was held on 5th December 2017. The telephone numbers of the head teachers are still being collected. The main reason behind the delay in collection of data is that the majority of the schools are out of network coverage area and hence SMS service is not effectively working. 85% of the schools in rural areas were using Aircel services which has now discontinued. Aircel users have now ported their numbers to JIO network. The JIO services is also not functioning properly in remote areas. He further informed the State NIC Team has been apprised of the issue and assured to make efforts to roll-out the data every day of all the districts in AMS.

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 the 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: Principal Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya informed that kitchen gardens have been developed in 799 schools and work for developing kitchen gardens is under progress in 9 schools. Joint Secretary(EE.I) appreciated the efforts made by the State and advised to set up kitchen gardens in all 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. The State Government submitted the following proposals to MHRD:

- Enhancement of Cooking Cost as per Price Index of Meghalaya.
- Enhancement of Honorarium of Cook-Cum-Helpers as per Daily Wages Rate.
- Increase of Management Fund from 1.8% to 4% out of Total Central Budget Cost so that at the State/District/Sub-Divisional/Blocks proper management and monitoring of the scheme be strengthened.
- Funds for Kitchen sheds and Replacement/Repairs /Store & Wash Room (Tentative Total Value is Rs.11635.30 Lakhs)

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 **MEGHALAYA:**

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 Approval for 2018-19
1	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	8367	8436	8436
1.2	Upper Primary	3402	3411	3411
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	385021	384583	384583
2.2	Upper Primary	142364	142408	142408
2.3	NCLP	0	0	0
3	Working Days			

3.1	Primary	200	200	200
3.2	Upper Primary	220	220	220
3.3	NCLP	0	0	0
4	Cook cum Helper			
4.1	Primary	13597	13766	13766
4.2	Upper Primary	4722	4781	4781
5	Drought			
5.1	Children (Pry)	0	0	0
5.2	Children (U Pry)	0	0	0
5.3	Working days	0	0	0
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	0	0	0
6	Non Recurring			
6.1	Kitchen cum Store	NIL	NIL	NIL
6.2	Kitchen Devices	NIL	67	67
6.3	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	1192	NIL	NIL
7	Central Assistance (Rs in Lakh)			
7.1	Regular	Rs. 6869.59 lakh	Rs. 6887.41 lakh	Rs. 6887.40 lakh
7.2	Drought	0	0	0
7.3	Kitchen cum Store	0	0	0
7.4	Kitchen Devices	0	Rs. 3.35 lakh	Rs. 3.35 lakh
7.5	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Rs. 59.60 lakh	0	0
7.6	Grand Total	Rs. 6929.19 lakh	Rs. 6890.76 lakh	Rs. 6890.75 lakh

6. 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 meal on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-MDM.
7. The quantification of central assistance of **Rs. 6890.75 lakh** 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.

MeghalayaQUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2018-19A Food grains:

S.No	Stage	PAB-MDM Approvals		Quantity in MTs.
		No. of Children	No. of Working days	Rice Total (MTs)
1	Primary (@ 100 gms)	384583	200	7691.66
2	Upper Primary (@150 gms.)	142408	220	4699.46
3	NCLP (@150 gms.)	0	0	0
	TOTAL	0	0	0
4	Drought	0	0	0
4.1	Primary (@ 100 gms)	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary (@150 gms.)	0	0	0
	Total	526991		12391.12
	Grand Total	526991		

B Cost of Food Grains, Cooking cost, Hon. to CCH , MME and Transport Assistance

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakhs)
i.	Primary	
1	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for Rice	230.75
2	Unit cooking cost Rs.4.13 per day / per child for 384583 for 200 days	
2.1	Central share - Cooking cost @ Rs. 3.72 per child/day (384583 X 200 days x Rs. 3.72)	2861.30
2.2	State Share - Cooking cost @ Rs.0.41 per child/day (384583 X 200 days x Rs 0.41)	315.36
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 980.00 MT (384583 X 200 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs. 980.00)	75.38
4	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Central Share - Payment for Honorarium to 13766 Cooks-cum-helpers @ Rs. 900/- per month per cook-cum-helper (for 10 months)	1238.94
4.2	State Share - Payment for Honorarium to 13766 Cooks-cum-helpers @ Rs. 100/- per month per cook-cum-helper (for 10 months)	137.66
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @	79.31

	1.8% of the 1) Cost of Food Grains 2) Cooking cost 3) Cost of Transportation 4) Honorarium to cook-cum-helpers	
TOTAL Primary {1+2.1+3+4.1+5}		4485.68

ii Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for Rice	140.98
7	Unit cooking cost Rs.6.18 per day / per child for 142408 for 220 days	
7.1	Central Share - Cooking cost @ Rs. 5.56 per child/day (142408 x 220 days x Rs. 5.56)	1741.93
7.2	State Share - Cooking cost @ Rs. 0.62 per child/day (142408 x 220 days x Rs. 0.62)	194.24
8	Cost transportation @ Rs. 980.00 MT (142408 x 220 days x 0.00015 x Rs.980.00)	46.05
9	Honorarium to Cook cum helpers	
9.1	Central Share - Payment for Honorarium to 4781Cooks-cum-helpers @ Rs. 900/- per month per cook-cum-helper (for 10 months)	430.29
9.2	State Share - Payment for Honorarium to 4781 Cooks- cum-helpers @ Rs. 100/- per month per cook-cum- helper (for 10 months)	47.81
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the 1) Cost of Food Grains 2) Cooking cost 3) Cost of Transportation 4) Honorarium to cook-cum-helpers	42.47
TOTAL Upper Primary {6+7.1+8+9.1+10}		2401.72
Grand Total (Primary + Upper Primary)		6887.40

C. Drought :NIL

D	Non –Recurring Central Assistance	
i	Kitchen cum Store	NIL
ii	Kitchen Devices new (67) X Rs.5000	3.35
iii	Kitchen Devices (0) X Rs.5000 units for replacement	NIL
	Total non recurring	3.35
Grand Total for Recurring and Non-Recurring central Assistance		6890.75

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2018-19

(Rs. In lakh)

Component		As per existing norms 90/10 ratio	
		Centre	Minimum State share
Recurring	Normal	6887.40	695.07
	Drought	0.00	0.00
Non-Recurring		3.35	0.00
Total		6890.75	695.07

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