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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid Day Meal Scheme in respect of UT Administration of Puducherry held on 10th May, 2018.

The meeting of Programme Approval Board Mid-Day Meal to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2018-19 in respect of **UT Administration of Puducherry** was held on **10.05.2018** 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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15.	Director (NCERT), Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi.	16.	Dr.(Mrs.) Prema Ramachandran, Director, Nutrition Foundation of India, C-13, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi – 110016.
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
10th May, 2018 – UT of PUDUCHERRY(UT with legislature).**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 10th 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 UT of Puducherry.
 - ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of UT of Puducherry 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 the opening remarks. Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated State Government's good practices/initiatives viz.; Serving of meals to children of class IX to XII including Pre-Primary, serving of 100 ml hot milk to all children every day from UT funds (Rs.925.00 lakh) under Break Fast Scheme, Provision of Eggs thrice a week from UT Budget (Rs. 200.00 lakh), Additional Contribution in cooking cost of Rs. 4.77 per child per day for primary & Rs. 5.22 per child per day for Upper Primary over and above Mandatory UT share, Payment of Honorarium to Cook-cum-helpers ranging from Rs. 4458/- to Rs 19000/- per month, Centralised Procurement System for purchase of Agmark quality of diet articles through co-operative institutions / Govt. undertakings by limited tender system, Usage of 100% LPG as source of Fuel for preparing MDM, Preparation of Food in Centralised Kitchens & Cluster Kitchens in a hygienic atmosphere, Installation of RO system in all 431 schools for safe drinking water and regular testing of Food Samples by reputed labs etc.
3. Shri. A. Anbarasu, Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education, Government of Puducherry briefed the PAB about the implementation of MDMS in the State and requested Shri. L. Kumar, Additional Secretary –cum-Director of School Education, Government of Puducherry to make a presentation on the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during the year 2017-18 and the initiatives taken by the UT Government for improving the effectiveness of the scheme. Dr. Mridula Sircar, Senior Consultant, also presented an analysis of the performance of the UT in the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during the year 2017-18.

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4. The following issues were discussed during the meeting:

- 4.1 Coverage of children:** It was observed that there is a significant drop in coverage in the proportion of children covered at upper primary level against the UT level coverage of 76% against enrolment in the Karaikal District. JS advised the UT officials to take necessary steps to check the drop in coverage and give special focus on Karaikal District. Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education, Government of Puducherry informed that in the Karaikal District, there are Government aided schools, where children come from affluent families and bring their own meals. He assured to take up the issue with the school management and will try to convince them to make children avail MDM.
- 4.2 Kitchen-cum-stores:** Deputy Secretary MDM, MHRD, mentioned that 15 kitchen-cum-stores were sanctioned in 2017-18. Later, UT of Puducherry revised the proposal and submitted request for release of funds for 13 kitchen-cum-stores. It was requested to UT to submit the Utilization Certificate of funds of Rs. 55 Lakhs, sanctioned for 92 kitchen-cum-stores as well as Physical and Financial progress report of construction during 2006 to 2017. UT Govt assured to submit UC.
- 4.3 Provision of safe drinking water:** Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated the efforts of UT Govt for installing RO system in all 431 schools for safe drinking water.
- 4.4 Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee:** As per the information provided, four meetings of District Level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the District Collector have taken place for 4 numbers of Districts during 2017-18. As per MDM guidelines at least one meeting per month should be held. JS (EE.I) advised the UT Administration to ensure that these meetings are held regularly in all districts under District Collector for review of MDMS. Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education, Government of Puducherry informed that in Puducherry region, the scheme is regularly monitored by the Director, Department of Education. Similarly, the meetings are conducted by Regional Administrators in Mahe and Yanem regions. MHRD advised UT officials to ensure that one meeting should be conducted every month to review the implementation of MDMS. Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education, Government of Puducherry assured to have meetings every month in the districts.
- 4.5 Utilization of MME funds:** Joint Secretary (EE.1) observed that only 6% funds have been utilized under MME funds. Dr. Mridula Sircar, Sr. Consultant informed that only Rs. 6.92 lakhs (6%) out of the total allocation of Rs. 120 lakhs has been incurred under MME component. No expenditure has been incurred at school level. She added that as per MDM Guidelines 50% of the funds earmarked under MME are meant for school level utilization. Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education, Government of Puducherry informed that a proposal has been put up before UT Government for approval and assured to utilize the funds within 6 months for smooth implementation of MDMS in the UT of Puducherry once approved by UT Govt.

- 4.6 Aadhaar seeded enrolment under MDMS:** 98% of children covered under MDMS have already been enrolled under Aadhaar. This may be utilized to check double entries, if any.
- 4.7 Social Audit:** UT of Puducherry informed that social audit is proposed to be conducted during 2018-19. Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education, Government of Puducherry assured to conduct Social Audit as per MHRD Guidelines.
- 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 UT to explore the possibilities to introduce millets or any other traditional locally available nutritional grains in Mid Day Meal Scheme. Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education, Government of Puducherry informed that UT government has approved to set up two kitchens to be run by Akshya Patra in Puducherry region. In collaboration with Akshay Patra, the UT will introduce Millets under MDMS on pilot basis. UT Government is hoping that the joint efforts of UT and Akshay Patra may result in good experiment which may be adopted by other States/UTs also. He further informed that WCD Department will also be consulted as desired by this Department.
- 4.9 Data Entry on MIS-Web Portal:** It was observed that there is mismatch in the data entered in MDM-MIS and data provided in AWP&B 2017-18 viz on engagement and payment of Honorarium to Cook cum helpers. Joint Secretary (EE.I) advised the UT to ensure that quality data is entered and there should be proper synchronization of data provided by different sources.
- 4.10 Automated Monitoring System:** Joint Secretary (EE.1) enquired about non-serving of meals in 144 schools out of 416 schools on 20th April, 2018. He mentioned that all schools must be served MDM daily and advised the UT to look into the issue on priority basis. Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education, Government of Puducherry informed that all children of eligible schools are served MDM daily and further mentioned that there may be some technical issues resulting in non reporting of all schools data. He, however, assured to send special teams in the above mentioned districts and address the issue at the earliest.
- 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: Development Commissioner cum Secretary informed that during 2018-19 it is proposed to set up Kitchen gardens in all the schools based on the availability of land and other resources. Joint Secretary (EE.I) advised UT Govt. 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.

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 UT 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 UT 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 **UT of Puducherry:-**

5.1 UT Administration'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	237	237	237
1.2	Upper Primary	195	194	194
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	23093	26231	26231
2.2	Upper Primary	18064	19235	19235
2.3	NCLP	0	0	0
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	210	210	210
3.2	Upper Primary	220	220	220
3.3	NCLP	0	0	0
4	Cook cum Helper			
4.1	Primary	556	556	556
4.2	Upper Primary	475	475	475
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	15	No Proposal	NIL
6.2	Kitchen Devices	NIL	No Proposal	NIL
6.3	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	151	No Proposal	NIL
7	Central Assistance (Rs in Lakh)			
7.1	Regular	Rs. 490.24 Lakh	Rs. 519.93 lakh	Rs. 519.93 lakh
7.2	Drought	0	0	0
7.3	Kitchen cum Store	Rs. 110.22 Lakh	0	0
7.4	Kitchen Devices	Nil	0	0
7.5	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Rs. 10.20 Lakh	0	0
7.6	Grand Total	Rs. 610.66 Lakh	Rs. 519.93 lakh	Rs. 519.93 lakh

6. The UT is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the UT 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.
7. The quantification of central assistance of Rs. **519.93 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.

Appendix-1

UT - PUDUCHERRYQUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2017-18A Food grains:

S.No	Stage	PAB-MDM Approvals		Rice Total (MTs)
		No. of Children	No. of Working days	
1	Primary (@ 100 gms)	26231	210	550.85
2	Upper Primary (@150 gms.)	19235	220	634.76
3	NCLP (@150 gms.)	0	0	0
	TOTAL	45466		1185.61
4	Drought	0	0	0
4.1	Primary (@ 100 gms)	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary (@150 gms.)	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0
	Grand Total	45466		1185.61

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	16.53
2	Unit cooking cost Rs.4.13 per day / per child for 26231 for 210 days	
2.1	Central share - Cooking cost @ Rs. 2.48 per child/day (26231X 210 days x Rs. 2.48)	136.61
2.2	State Share - Cooking cost @ Rs.1.65 per child/day (26231 X 210 days x Rs 1.65)	90.89
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750.00 MT (26231 X 210 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs. 750)	4.13
4	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Central Share - Payment for Honorarium to 556 Cooks-cum-helpers @ Rs. 600/- per month per cook-cum-helper (for 10 months)	33.36

4.2	State Share - Payment for Honorarium to 556 Cooks-cum-helpers @ Rs. 400/- per month per cook-cum-helper (for 10 months)	22.24
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 30 lakh per district x 4 districts	120.00
TOTAL Primary {1+2.1+3+4.1+5}		310.63

ii Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Foodgrains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for Rice	19.04
7	Unit cooking cost Rs.6.18 per day / per child for 19235 for 220 days	
7.1	Central Share - Cooking cost @ Rs. 3.71 per child/day (19235x 220 days x Rs. 3.71)	157.00
7.2	State Share - Cooking cost @ Rs. 2.47 per child/day (19235x 220 days x Rs. 2.47)	104.52
8	Cost transportation @ Rs. 750.00 MT (19235x 220 days x 0.00015 x Rs.750)	4.76
9	Honorarium to Cook cum helpers	
9.1	Central Share - Payment for Honorarium to 475 Cooks-cum-helpers @ Rs600/- per month per cook-cum-helper (for 10 months)	28.50
9.2	State Share - Payment for Honorarium to 475 Cooks-cum-helpers @ Rs. 400/- per month per cook-cum-helper (for 10 months)	19.00
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 30 lakh per district	(added in Primary)
TOTAL Upper Primary {6+7.1+8+9.1}		209.30
Grand Total (Primary + Upper Primary)		519.93

C. Drought : NIL

D	Non –Recurring Central Assistance	
i	Kitchen cum Store	NIL
ii	Kitchen Devices new (0) X Rs.5000	NIL
iii	Kitchen Devices (0) X Rs.5000 units for replacement	NIL
	Total non recurring	NIL
Grand Total for Recurring and Non-Recurring central Assistance		519.93

E.Total Requirement of Funds for 2018-19

(Rs. In lakh)

Component		As per existing norms 60/40 ratio (as Puducherry is UT with Legislature)	
		Centre	Minimum Mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	519.93	236.65
	Drought	0	0
Non-Recurring		0	0
Total		519.93	236.65

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Annexure-IList of Participants

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