

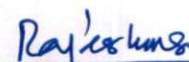
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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid Day Meal held on 17.05.2018.

The meeting of Programme Approval Board Mid-Day Meal to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2018-19 in respect of State of **Tamil Nadu** was held on **17.05.2018** at New Delhi.

2. A copy of the minutes of the above meeting is enclosed for information & necessary action.



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Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board - Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM)
on 17.5.2018 – Tamil Nadu.

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 17.5.2018, 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/UT of Tamil Nadu
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of **Tamil Nadu** 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 State Government's good practices/initiatives viz. provision of variety menu (13 types) with 4 different types egg masala, serving of sweet pongal to children on special occasions, 35713 (83%) schools have LPG connection, 1756 (4%) schools have kitchen gardens, 10412 (24%) schools have water purification system and all Cook Cum Helpers receive special time scale of pay.

3. Mrs. V. Amuthavalli Commissioner, Social Welfare Department, *Govt. of Tamil Nadu* briefed the PAB about the technological solutions adopted by the State under MDM. *She further*, 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. Anindita Shukla, *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: The coverage of children at primary and upper primary level was 88% at State level, which was well above the national average of 75%. The district wise analysis reveals that coverage was less than the state average only in Madurai (65%) at primary level and Tuticorin (61%) at upper primary level. JS (EE.1) enquired about the reasons of low coverage of children in these districts. He further advised the State to carry out independent study to know the reasons of less coverage in these districts.

4.2 Kitchen cum store: Mrs. V. Amuthavalli, Commissioner, Social Welfare, *Govt. of Tamil Nadu*, informed that central assistance of Rs. 45007.60 Lakh has been released for

construction of 28470 Kitchen-cum-Stores. As on 31.3.2018, construction has been completed for 20680 Kitchen-cum-stores and construction work is in progress for 7456 kitchen-cum-stores. Director (MDM), Govt. of India mentioned that during the PAB meeting of 2017-18 the State has proposed to surrender 341 kitchen-cum-stores, which were sanctioned at a flat rate of Rs 60000/- per unit. The PAB has approved to re-sanction these 341 kitchens at the existing plinth area norm and schedule of rates, however, State has not submitted the corresponding central assistance along with interest accrued. Mrs. V. Amuthavalli, Commissioner, Social Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu mentioned that 7 kitchen cum stores has been constructed out of 341 units and balance 334 units shall be surrendered along with balance amount of central assistance and interest generated upon the amount, shall be refunded after reconciliation within 3 months.

- 4.3 Less lifting of food-grains:** Dr Aninidta Shukla informed that the State has lifted only 67% of the its allocated quota. Joint Secretary (EE.I) enquired about the reasons for less lifting of foodgrains. Commissioner, Social Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu mentioned that as the State is also covering the students of class IX & Xth from its own resources and food grains are supplied by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supply Corporation. She stated that the food-grains meant for children of class IX & X are also utilized for preparing meals for children of class I to VIII, which covered under MDM, and thus less lifting of food-grains. JS (EE.I) advised State officials to submit a detailed report on this.
- 4.4 Use of LPG:** Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that 83% schools in the State are having LPG connections. He advised the State to ensure 100% coverage of schools with LPG connections. Commissioner, Social Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu assure that remaining institutions shall also be provided with LPG facility in a phased manner.
- 4.5 Provision of safe drinking water:** Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that **10412 (24%) schools** in the State have water filtration facility. He advised the State officials to ensure that all schools have safe drinking water facility. Commissioner, Social Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu assured that remaining institutions shall also be provided with water purifier facility in a phased manner.
- 4.6 Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee:** As per the information provided 384 (12 meetings in each district) meetings of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the District collector have taken place. JS (EE.I) appreciated the steps taken by the State on this aspect.
- 4.7 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 in Mid Day Meal Scheme.
- 4.8 Data Entry on MIS-Web Portal:** JS (EE.I) observed mismatch in the data submitted through AWP&B and the data entered in the MDM-MIS especially in the aspects of Utilization of food grains and honorarium to Cook cum helper. He advised the State Officials to develop a mechanism to ensure accuracy and quality of the data entry in MDM-MIS.

4.9 Ayushman Bharat: Joint Secretary (EE.I) mentioned about the importance of School Health Programme 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.

4.10 Kitchen Garden: Commissioner, Govt. of Tamil Nadu informed the PAB that 1756 (4%) schools are having kitchen garden and work for developing kitchen gardens is under progress in 4968 schools. Action is being taken to setup kitchen garden (Papaya and drumstick) to all the Noon Meal Centres in co-ordination with Horticulture Department. 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.

4.11 Other proposals made by the State : Mrs. V. Amuthavalli, Commissioner, Govt. of Tamil Nadu informed that State is planning to introduce millets, construct 2 dining halls in each district and installation of water purifiers of 1000 liter capacity. She further informed that state is also planning to provide fortified rice in Ramanathapuram and Virudhanagar (Aspirational districts as per NITI Ayog) in 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 Tamil Nadu:-

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 2018-19
1	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	27079	27071	27071
1.2	Upper Primary	16064	16134	16134

2	Children			
2.1	Primary	2618063	2528269	2528269
2.2	Upper Primary	2063766	2014484	2014484
2.3	NCLP	7612	6689	6689
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	220	210	210
3.2	Upper Primary	220	220	220
3.3	NCLP	312	312	312
4	Cook cum Helpers			
4.1	Primary	128130	128130	128130
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			
7.1	Regular	Rs. 444.17 crore	Rs. 426.24 crore	Rs. 426.24 crore
7.2	Drought	0	0	0
7.3	Kitchen cum Store	0	0	0
7.4	Kitchen Devices	0	0	0
7.5	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0	0	0
7.6	Grand Total	Rs. 444.17 crore	Rs. 426.24 crore	Rs. 426.24 crore

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

7. The quantification of central assistance of **Rs. 426.24 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: Tamil Nadu
QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2018-19

A. Food grains

Sl.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity MTs.
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	2528269	210	53093.65
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	2014484	220	66477.97
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	6689	312	313.045
4	Drought			
4.1	Primary	Nil	Nil	0.00
4.2	Upper Primary	Nil	Nil	0.00
TOTAL		Nil	Nil	119884.67

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	1592.81
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.13 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 2.48 per child per day	13167.22
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ 1.65 per child per day	8760.45
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750.00 Per MT food grains	398.20
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - (Rs 600 x 10 months)	4873.50
4.2	State Share - (Rs. 400 x 10 months)	3249.00
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	360.57

TOTAL – Central Share	20392.31
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Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 3000/- per MT	1994.34
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 6.18 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs.3.71 per child per day	16442.22
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.2.47 per child per day	10946.71
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750.00 Per MT food grains	498.58
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper (Calculated in Primary)	
9.1	Central Share - (Rs 600 x 10 months)	2814.30
9.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share- (Rs 400 x 10 months)	1876.20
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	391.49
TOTAL – Central Share		22140.93
NCLP		
11	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 3000/- per MT	9.39
12	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 6.18 per child per day	
12.1	Central share @ Rs.3.71 per child per day	77.43
12.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.2.47 per child per day	51.55
12.3	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750.00 Per MT food grains	2.35
12.4	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost and 3) Cost of transportation	1.60
TOTAL – Central Share		90.77
Grand Total of Central Share (Primary + Up. Primary + NCLP)		42624.01

C. Drought : 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	42624.01	24883.91
	Drought	0.00	0.00
Non- recurring		0.00	0.00
Total		42624.01	24883.91

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