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**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid-Day Meal Scheme in respect of State of West Bengal held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 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 **West Bengal** was held on 21.06.2018 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 21-06-2018 – West Bengal**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 21.6. 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 West Bengal
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2018-19 proposal of West Bengal for MDM Scheme.

2. Shri G. Vijaya Bhaskar, Director, MDM and Member Secretary, PAB-MDM, 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. additional honorarium to cook-cum-helpers, eggs are served once a week to all the children, 50 gm. chicken per child once a week in 11 districts, about 80 lakh units of eating utensils purchased from State funds etc.

3. Shri Manish Jain, Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal briefed the PAB about implementation of MDM in the State. Shri T. K. Adhikari, Project Director, Govt. of West Bengal 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. Mr. Dinesh Pradhan, 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 89% of the enrolled children at primary and 91% at upper primary have availed MDM on an average basis during the year, which is well above the national average of 76%.

**4.2 Coverage of Working Days :** Joint Secretary (EE-I) observed that State had covered 20 days less than the PAB approval of 2017-18. Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal informed that less coverage of working days is primarily due to floods and other natural calamities in the State.

**4.3 Less utilization of Food grains:** It was observed that only 60% food grains have been utilized during the year 2017-18. Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal informed that as the children are consuming less quantity of food grains compared to the prescribed norms, the food grains utilization is less.

**4.4 Kitchen-cum-store:** Construction of 268 Kitchen-cum-stores was approved by PAB in 2017-18 @ Rs. 2.00 lakh/unit. However, in the AWP&B, this year, the State proposed revised unit rate @ Rs.2.87 lakh/unit for 268 kitchen-cum-stores during 2018-19. The same is approved by the PAB-MDM.

**4.5 Use of LPG:** It is observed that 62% of schools have been using fire wood as a mode of cooking for preparation of MDM. The Secretary, West Bengal informed that efforts are being made for increasing LPG coverage.

**4.6 Provision of safe drinking water:** Joint Secretary (EE.I) observed that 5543 (7%) schools in the State have water filtration facility. He advised the State officials to ensure that all schools have safe drinking water facility. Secretary, State Government of West Bengal, assured to take necessary steps in this regard subject to availability of funds.

**4.7 Meeting of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee:** As per the information provided 136 meetings of District level Steering cum Monitoring Committee under the chairpersonship of the District collector have taken place. JS(EE.I) advised the State to ensure that these meetings are held monthly. Secretary, West Bengal 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 in Mid Day Meal Scheme.

**4.9 RBSK:** It is observed that health check up has been carried out for only 51% children, IFA doses and de-worming tablets have been administered to about 12% and 14% of the enrolled children respectively. JS(EE-I) expressed concern over the low coverage of children and requested the state officials to ensure 100% coverage under RBSK. Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal assured to take necessary steps in this regard.

**4.10 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.

**4.11 Kitchen Garden:** Project Director, Govt. of West Bengal informed that 6966 (8%) schools have kitchen gardens and work for developing kitchen gardens is under progress in 941 schools. Joint Secretary (EE.I) appreciated the efforts made by the State and advised to set up kitchen gardens in all schools where it is feasible. He further suggested that State Horticulture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) etc. may also be roped in for this purpose.

**4.12 Dining Halls:** The Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal informed that dining halls have been constructed in 2973 schools with the help of community / elected representatives.

**4.13 Other proposals made by the State:** Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal also proposed that cooking cost and MME may be enhanced.

## 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 Government of India 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 state of West Bengal.

### 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
<b>1</b>	<b>Institutions</b>			
1.1	Primary	66881	66817	66817
1.2	Upper Primary	16159	16154	16154
1.3	STC (NCLP)	689	719	719
	<b>Total (1.1+1.2+1.3)</b>	<b>83729</b>	<b>83690</b>	<b>83690</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Children</b>			
2.1	Primary	7086178	6469128	6469128
2.2	Upper Primary	4820977	4230973	4230973
2.3	STC(NCLP)	31227	28841	28841
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11938382</b>	<b>10728942</b>	<b>10728942</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Working Days</b>			
3.1	Primary	230	230	230
3.2	Upper Primary	230	230	230
3.3	NCLP	312	312	312
<b>4</b>	<b>Cook cum Helper#</b>			
4.1	Primary	168787	167406	167406
4.2	Upper Primary	80012	81393	81393
	<b>Total (3.1+3.2)</b>	<b>248799</b>	<b>248799</b>	<b>248799</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Drought</b>			
5.1	Children (Pry)	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.2	Children (U Pry)	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3	Working days	Nil	Nil	Nil
<b>6</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>			

6.1	Kitchen cum Store	268	268	268
6.2	Kitchen Devices	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.3	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil	40874	<b>40874</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Central Assistance (Rs. In Crore)</b>			
7.1	Regular	1112.17	1011.57	1011.57
7.2	Drought	0	0	0
7.3	Kitchen-cum-stores	3.22	4.61	4.61
7.4	Kitchen Devices	0	0	0
7.5	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0	20.44	20.44
7.6	Grand Total	<b>1115.39</b>	<b>1036.62</b>	<b>1036.62</b>

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.1036.62 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.

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State: West Bengal

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

Sl.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity MTs.
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	6469128	230	148789.94
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	4230973	230	145968.57
3	NCLP ( @150 gms per child per school day)	28841	312	1349.76
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10728942</b>		<b>296108.27</b>

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 lakh)
1	2	3
<b>Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000/- per MT for rice	4463.70
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.13 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 2.48 per child per day	36899.91
2.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ 1.65 per child per day</b>	24550.34
3	<b>Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750.00 Per MT food grains</b>	1115.92
4	<b>Honorarium for cook cum Helper</b>	
4.1	<b>Central Share - (Rs 600 x 10 months)</b>	10044.36
4.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share - (Rs. 400 x 10 months)</b>	6696.24
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the	945.43
	i. Cost of food grains	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Cooking cost</li> <li>iii. Cost of transportation and</li> <li>iv. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Central Share</b>		<b>53469.32</b>
<b>Upper Primary</b>		
6	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for rice	4379.06
7	<b>Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 6.18 per child per day</b>	
7.1	<b>Central share @ Rs.3.71 per child per day</b>	36102.89
7.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.2.47 per child per day</b>	24036.16
8	<b>Transportation cost @ Rs. 750.00 Per MT food grains</b>	1094.76
9	<b>Honorarium for cook cum Helper</b>	
9.1	<b>Central Share -(Rs 600 x 10 months)</b>	4883.58
9.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share- (Rs. 400 x 10 months)</b>	3255.72
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Cost of food grains</li> <li>ii. Cooking cost</li> <li>iii. Cost of transportation and</li> <li>iv. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers</li> </ul>	836.29
<b>Total Central Share</b>		<b>47296.58</b>
<b>NCLP</b>		
11	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 3000/- per MT for rice	40.49
12	<b>Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 6.18 per child per day</b>	
12.1	<b>Central share @ Rs.3.71 per child per day</b>	333.84
12.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.2.47 per child per day</b>	222.26
13	<b>Transportation cost @ Rs. 750.00 Per MT food grains</b>	10.12
14	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Cost of food grains</li> <li>ii. Cooking cost</li> <li>iii. Cost of transportation and</li> </ul>	6.92



iv. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
<b>Total Central Share</b>	<b>391.37</b>
<b>Grand Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP )</b>	<b>101157.27</b>

C. Drought : Nil

D. Non-recurring :

i) Kitchen-cum-store - Rs 461.50 lakh for 268 kitchen-cum-stores.

ii) Kitchen Devices – Rs 2043.70 lakh for replacement of 40874 units of kitchen devices.

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2018-19

Component		Centre	Minimum Mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	101157.27	58760.72
	Drought	0	0
<b>Non-Recurring</b>		2505.20	307.66
<b>Total</b>		<b>103662.47</b>	<b>59068.38</b>

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