



National Programme
of
Mid Day Meal in Schools
(MDMS)
Annual Work Plan & Budget

2019-20

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MANIPUR

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1. Introduction:

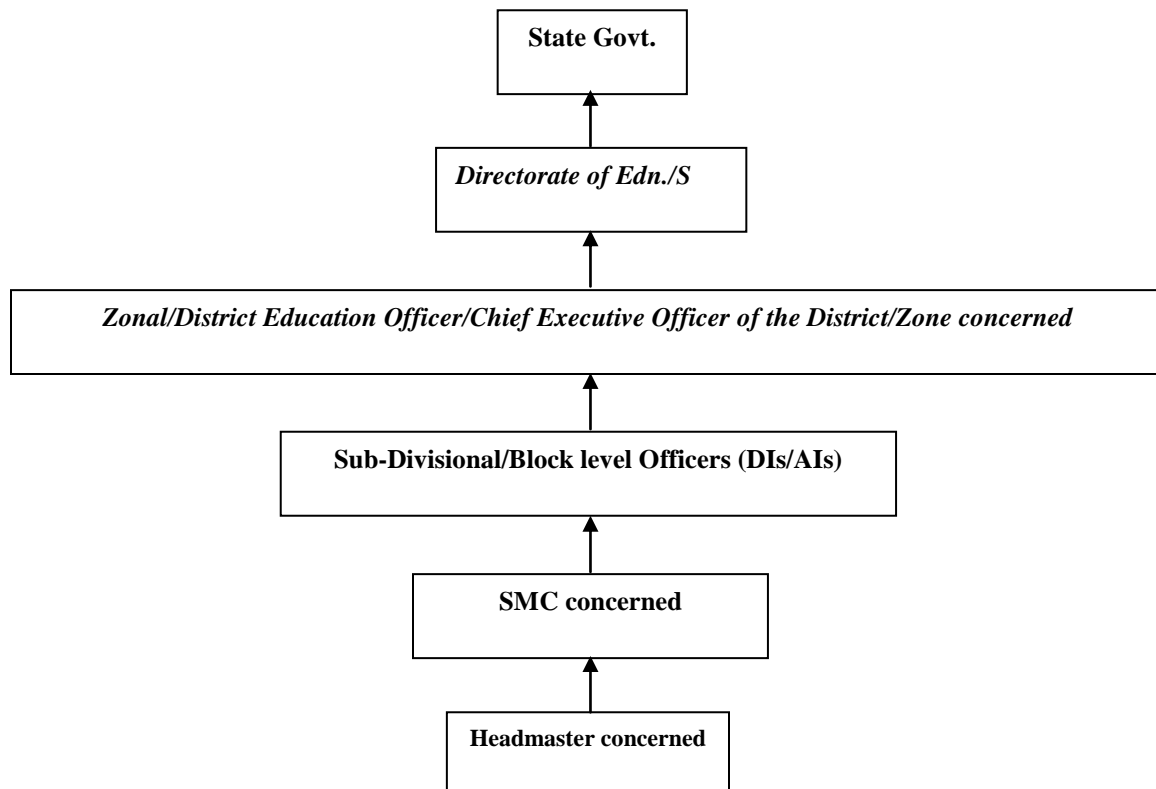
1.1 Brief history

The implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme in Manipur started from November, 1995. As per the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 20-4-2004 in W.P(C) No. 196 of 2001, the State Government started providing cooked food to all the schools of primary stage (Govt. / Aided) w.e.f. 14-11-2004. The Scheme had been extended to 548 Upper Primary with primary classes w.e.f. 1st August, 2008 and later on 166 Upper Primary Schools without primary classes were also covered from April 2009 onwards.

1.2 Management structure

State Government looks into the overall implementation and policy formulation while Directorate implements the Scheme at the District/Zonal level. The office of the ZEO/DEO implements the scheme at school level.

1.3 Process of Plan Formulation at State and District level.



2. Description and assessment of the programme implemented in the current year (2018-19) and proposal for next year (2019-20) with reference to:

2.1 Regularity and wholesomeness of mid - day meals served to children; interruptions if any and the reasons thereof problem areas for regular serving of meals and action taken to avoid Interruptions in future.

As done in previous year, this year too the State has implemented Mid Day Meal Scheme throughout the academic year and as such maximum number of days were covered in most of the districts. This is due to overall improvement of Law and Order situation in the State. No doubt, the untimely release of fund for the scheme is a major constraint towards successful implementation of the scheme. The School Health Programme (SHP) is implementing successfully in different parameters in convergence with the State Health Mission Society, Manipur however poor reporting could not be ruled out from schools and the issue is yet to be addressed. Inspections were carried out at State and Zonal levels and even by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Manipur in many schools of valley and hills. Accordingly, the MDM Scheme were implemented un-interruptedly throughout the academic year. Communication between State and District as well as between District and schools have made drastic changes by using Bulk SMS service and WhatsApp group both at State and District levels. Urgent information could also be shared either through WhatsApp group or emails and helps in resolving issues wherever required. Automated Monitoring System could not achieved higher percentage due to network problem and frequent changing of SIM Cards at school level. Now officers at block level have been assigned to monitor poor performance on AMS and hopefully things are likely to improve in days to come.

2.2 System for cooking, serving and supervising mid-day meals in the schools

MDM meals are prepared and served by Cooks under the supervision of SMCs.

2.3 Details about weekly Menu.

2.3.1 Weekly Menu – Day wise

Sl.No.	Day	Menu
1	Monday	Rice + Dal + Local Chatni
2	Tuesday	Rice + Mixed Vegetable + Local chatni
3	Wednesday	Rice + (Dal+vegetable) + Local Chatni
4	Thursday	Rice + Dal + Local Chatni
5	Friday	Rice + Mixed Vegetable + Local chatni
6	Saturday	Rice +(Dal+vegetable) + Local Chatni

2.3.2 Additional Food items provided (fruits/milk/any other items), if any from State/UT resources. Frequency of their serving along with per unit cost per day.

There is no provision to provide additional food items at the moment.

2.3.3 Usage of Double Fortified Salt and Fortified Edible Oil; their availability and constraints, if any, for procuring these items.

Double fortified salt and Fortified Edible Oils are readily available throughout the State and all schools are using these items in compliance with the instructions issued by the Government.

2.3.4 At what level menu is being decided / fixed,

By SMCs.

2.3.5 Provision of local variation in the menu, Inclusion of locally available ingredients/items in the menu as per the liking/taste of the children

Same menu is maintained across the State owing to constraints on rate of cooking cost provided under the scheme. Provision of local variation in the menu is done within the limited cooking cost.

2.3.6 Time of serving meal.

Meals are normally served at 12.30 pm.

2.3.7 Fund Flow Mechanism - System for release of funds (Central share and State share).

2.3.8 Existing mechanism for release of funds up to school/ implementing agency levels.

Fund is released from the State to the districts through e-transfer and the districts further release fund through e-transfer to the respective appropriate accounts wherever possible.

2.3.9 Mode of release of funds at different levels,

By e-transfer to the respective bank accounts wherever possible.

2.3.10 Dates when the fund were released to State Authority / Directorate / District / Block / Gram Panchayat and finally to the Cooking Agency / School.

Rs. 884.11 lakh was released from State to District on 9th February, 2018, from District to Block on 25th March, 2018 then to schools on 26th March 2018.

2.3.11 Reasons for delay in release of funds at different levels.

Delays is due to the State Finance Department however there is no subsequent delays at Directorate and districts.

2.3.12 In case of delay in release of funds from State/ Districts, how the scheme has been implemented by schools/ implementing agencies.

The Head Master/Mistress or SMC are taking care during these periods.

2.3.13 Initiatives taken by the State for pre-positioning of funds with the implementing agencies in the beginning of the year, like creation of corpus funds, adoption of green channel scheme, advance release of State share etc.

Efforts for pre-positioning of funds is being put by opening a Corpus Fund Account at the Government level.

2.4 Food grains management

2.4.1 Time lines for lifting of foodgrains from FCI Depot- District wise lifting calendar of foodgrains.

Lifting of foodgrains by the district officials are normally done in the 3rd or 4th week of the first month of the relevant quarter depending upon the quantum of buffer stock available with them.

2.4.2 System for ensuring lifting of FAQ foodgrains (Joint inspections at the time of lifting etc.).

State & District MDM and FCI officials jointly inspect FAQ of foodgrains provided under the Scheme at the time of lifting from FCI godown.

2.4.3 Is there any incident when FAQ food grain was not provided by FCI. If so, the action taken by the State/District to get such foodgrain replaced with FAQ food grain. How the food grain of FAQ was provided to implementing

agencies till replacement of inferior quality of food grain from FCI was arranged.

There are no such reports during the year.

2.4.4 System for transportation and distribution of food grains.

Transportation is done through Transport Contractors assigned by the concerned Deputy Commissioners and distributed in consultation with district/block level MDM officials.

2.4.5 Whether unspent balance of foodgrains with the schools is adjusted from the allocation of the respective implementing agencies (Schools /SHGs / Centralised Kitchens). Number of implementing agencies receiving foodgrains at doorstep level.

Yes.

2.4.6 Storage facility at different levels in the State/District/Blocks/Implementing agencies after lifting of food grains from FCI depot.

Storage facility is arranged in District/Zonal levels at temporary godowns hired at district levels and for schools, it is managed by the SMC by establishing temporary godowns.

2.4.7 System of fortification of foodgrains and their costing and logistics arrangement.

Proper care of any eventuality is being taken by the district and school authorities.

2.4.8 Challenges faced and plan to overcome them.

Lower rate of Cooking Cost, Transportation charge of food grain, and Cooks Honorarium are day be day becoming new challenges towards the implementation of the scheme.

2.5 Payment of cost of food grains to FCI.

2.5.1 System for payment of cost of food grains to FCI; whether payments made at district level or State level

At the State level only.

2.5.2 Status of pending bills of FCI of the previous year(s) and the reasons for pendency.

There is no pending bills for FCI at present.

2.5.3 Timelines for liquidating the pending bills of previous year(s).

Does not arise.

2.5.4 Whether meetings are held regularly in the last week of the month by the District Nodal Officers with FCI as per guidelines dated 10.02.2010 to resolve the issues relating to lifting, quality of food grains and payment of bills.

No formal meetings were organized however regular discussion/interaction is maintained with them.

2.5.5 Whether the District Nodal Officers are submitting the report of such meeting to State Head quarter by 7th of next month.

No formal meeting is held however State officials are closely monitoring lifting process and ready to address any issues wherever required.

2.5.6 The process of reconciliation of payment with the concerned offices of FCI.

Does not arise.

2.5.7 Relevant issues regarding payment to FCI.

No issue yet.

2.5.8 Whether there is any delay in payment of cost of food grains to FCI. If so, the steps taken to overcome the delay.

There is no delay on payment of FCI bills as on date.

2.6 Cook-cum-helpers

2.6.1 Whether the State follows the norms prescribed by MHRD for the engagement of cook-cum-helpers or it has its own norms.

As per Gol norms.

2.6.2 In case, the State follows different norms, the details of norms followed may be indicated.

Does not arise.

2.6.3 Is there any difference in the number of cook-cum-helpers eligible for engagement as per norms and the CCH actually engaged.

Not yet.

2.6.4 System and mode of payment, of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers and implementing agencies viz. NGOs / SHGs / Trust / Centralized kitchens etc.

Only by e-transfer either directly to Cooks Bank account or through SMCs.

2.6.5 Whether the CCH were paid on monthly basis.

No. It is used to release on quarterly basis subject to the release of funds by the State Finance Department.

2.6.6 Whether there was any instance regarding irregular payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers and reason thereof. Measures taken to rectify the problem.

No instances yet on irregular payment on Cooks honorarium but delay on account of non release of fund by the State Finance Department could not be ruled out.

2.6.7 Rate of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers,

Rs. 1000/- per month for 10 academic months in a year.

2.6.8 Number of cook-cum-helpers having bank accounts,

90%

2.6.9 Number of cook-cum-helpers receiving honorarium through their bank accounts,

60% are receiving through their bank accounts. Efforts to e-transfer in all accounts of cooks could not be through due to bouncing from many banks used by them. However, cooks from far flung areas prefers through SMCs only as they were not easily accessible to nearby banks.

2.6.10 Provisions for health check-ups of Cook-cum-Helpers,

Yet to be initiated.

2.6.11 Whether cook-cum-helpers are wearing head gears and gloves at the time of cooking of meals.

Normally the cook-cum-helpers wear local/traditional head gears at the time of cooking meals.

2.6.12 Modalities for apportionment of cook-cum-helpers engaged at school level and working at centralized kitchens, in case of schools being served through centralized kitchens,

Cooks are engaged only by SMCs and there is no centralized kitchen sheds in the State.

2.6.13 Mechanisms adopted for the training of cook cum helpers. Total number of trained cook cum helpers engaged in the cooking of MDMs. Details of the training modules; Number of Master Trainers available in the State; Number of trainings organized by the Master Trainers for training cook-cum-helpers.

Steps are yet to be initiated due to lack of funds. No training of Cooks cum Helpers have been conducted after the one done with Akshya Patra Foundation. Cooks also used to join in the Capacity building.

2.6.14 Whether any steps have been taken to enroll cook-cum-helpers under any social security schemes i.e Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana etc. and number of cooks benefitted through the same.

Yet to be taken up.

2.7 Procurement and storage of cooking ingredients and condiments

2.7.1 System for procuring good quality pulses, vegetables including leafy ones, salt, condiments, oil etc. and other commodities.

Done by the School authorities only.

2.7.2 Whether pulses are being procured from NAFED or otherwise.

No. It is procured by the school authorities only.

2.7.3 Whether 'First-in:First-out'(FIFO) method has been adopted for using MDM ingredients such as pulses, oil/fats. Condiments salt etc. or not.

Yes.

2.7.4 Arrangements for safe storage of ingredients and condiments in kitchens.

No storage appliances are yet supplied due to shortage of funds. However, proper care is being maintained by the school authorities.

2.7.5 Steps taken to ensure implementation of guidelines dated 13.02.2015 on food safety and hygiene in school level kitchens under Mid-Day Meal Scheme.

Necessary instructions are issued from time to time.

2.7.6 Information regarding dissemination of the guidelines up-to school level.

These issues are being addressed during the Capacity Building organized from time to time.

2.8 Type of Fuel used for cooking of Mid-Day Meals –LPG, Smokeless Chulha, Fire wood etc.

2.9.1 Number of schools using LPG for cooking MDM

It has been provided to 10% of the schools covered under the scheme.

2.9.2 Steps taken by State to provide LPG as fuel in MDM in all schools.

For further connection to another 197 schools confirmation from Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is still awaited.

2.9.3 Expected date by which LPG would be provided in all schools.

There is even lack of LPG supply for domestic use in the valley area and situation is more worse in hills. So 100% LPG coverage could be hard to achieve in the State

2.10 Kitchen-cum-stores.

2.10.1 Procedure for construction of kitchen-cum-store,

Kitchen Sheds are constructed by SMCs or through NMBA/NECTAR of Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

2.10.2 Whether any standardized model of kitchen cum stores is used for construction.

There are three different models developed by the Engineering Wing of the Education Department as per strength of students.

2.10.3 Details of the construction agency and role of community in this work.

The agency is namely North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) of the Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

2.10.4 Kitchen cum stores constructed through convergence, if any

Nil

2.10.5 Progress of construction of kitchen-cum-stores and target for the next year.

Around 37% has been completed. Due to poor response from NECTAR the assignment is likely to call off and decision of the Government is awaited in this regard and then will assign to SMCs. They can complete the construction within a short period.

2.10.6 The reasons for slow pace of construction of kitchen cum stores, if applicable.

The unit cost of the 1st phase i.e. @ Rs. 60,000/- per unit could not meet the cost escalation. Accordingly, steps has been initiated to couple the lower rate units with the 2nd phase by signing an MoU with NECTAR but poor response from NECTAR has compelled to call off the MoU and a proper step is to find out for the pending 1st phase units.

2.10.7 How much interest has been earned on the unutilized central assistance lying in the bank account of the State/implementing agencies.

Bank Account is opened in Current Mode and as such there is no provision of interest.

2.10.8 Details of the kitchen cum stores constructed in convergence. Details of the agency engaged for the construction of these kitchen cum stores.

Nil.

2.11 Kitchen Devices

2.11.1 Procedure of procurement of kitchen devices from funds released under the Mid-Day Meal Programme.

It is procured by the concerned SMCs by transferring fund from State to SMC bank account.

2.11.2 Status of procurement of kitchen devices.

There is no pending procurement.

2.11.3 Procurement of kitchen devices through convergence or community/CSR

Nil.

2.11.4 Availability of eating plates in the schools. Source of procurement of eating plates.

Adequate eating plates are available at schools. These are procured with funds provided for utensils. Even though some partial shortage on some specific schools could not be ruled out.

2.12 Measures taken to rectify

2.12.1 Inter-district low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost

It is cross checked at district level then again reviewed at State Level.

2.12.2 Intra-district mismatch in utilization of food grains and cooking cost.

It is being monitored strictly at State Level.

2.12.3 Mismatch of data reported through various sources (QPR, AWP&B, MIS etc)

Minimum mismatch are reported through various sources.

2.13 Quality of food

- 2.13.1 System of Tasting of food by teachers/community. Maintenance of tasting register at school level.

It is normally tasted by teachers/parents and cooks. Most of the schools maintained a tasting register.

- 2.13.2 Maintenance of roster of parents, community for the presence of at least two parents in the school on each day at the time of serving and tasting of mid day meal.

Around 65% schools maintained roaster of parents, community members. However there is low participation from them.

- 2.13.3 Testing of food sample by any recognized labs for prescribed nutrients and presence of contaminants such as microbe's e-coli. Mechanism to check the temperature of the cooked MDM.

State Health Department has started collecting food samples from many of the schools for tasting during 2017-18. However, reports about their findings are yet to receive.

- 2.13.4 Engagement of / recognized labs for the testing of Meals.

Yet to be initiated.

- 2.13.5 Details of protocol for testing of Meals, frequency of lifting and testing of samples.

It is in starting phase and a mechanism shall be develop in consultation with the State Health Department.

- 2.13.6 Details of samples taken for testing and the results thereof.

Results are awaited.

- 2.13.7 Steps taken to ensure implementation of guidelines issued with regard to quality of food.

Instructions have been issued for compliance.

2.14 Involvement of NGOs / Trusts / Temples / Gurudwara / Jails etc.

2.14.1 Modalities for engagement of NGOs / Trusts/ Temples / Gurudwara / Jails etc. for serving of MDM through centralized kitchen.

No NGOs are engaged yet.

2.14.2 Whether NGOs / Trusts/ Temples / Gurudwara / Jails etc. are serving meal in rural areas.

No.

2.14.3 Maximum distance and time taken for delivery of food from centralized kitchen to schools.

Does not arise.

2.14.4 Measures taken to ensure delivery of hot cooked meals to schools.

Does not arise.

2.14.5 Responsibility of receiving cooked meals at the schools from the centralized kitchen,

Does not arise.

2.14.6 Whether sealed/insulated containers are used for supply of meals to schools,

Does not arise.

2.14.7 Tentative time of delivery of meals at schools from centralized kitchen.

Does not arise.

2.14.8 Availability of weighing machines for weighing the cooked MDM at school level prepared at centralized kitchen.

Does not arise.

2.14.9 Testing of food samples at centralized kitchens.

Does not arise.

2.14.10 Whether NGOs / Trusts/ Temples / Gurudwara / Jails etc. is receiving grant from other organizations for the mid day meal. If so, the details thereof.

Does not arise.

2.15 Systems to ensure transparency and accountability in all aspects of programme implementation,

2.15.1 Display of logo, entitlement of children and other information at a prominent visible place in school.

It is displayed in all schools.

2.15.2 Dissemination of information through MDM website.

Maximum information are shared in the website www.mdmmanipur.in

2.15.3 Provisions for community monitoring at school level i.e. Mother Roaster, Inspection register,

Proper registers are maintained at schools.

2.15.4 Tasting of meals by community members,

It is found practiced in many schools.

2.15.5 Conducting Social Audit

2.15.5.1 Whether Social Audit has been carried out or not

Yet to start.

2.15.5.2 If no, in 2.15.5.1, reasons thereof.

Due to the target to cover in larger scale.

2.15.5.3 Details of action taken by the State on the findings of Social Audit.

Does not arise.

2.15.5.4 Impact of social audit in the schools.

Does not arise.

2.15.5.5 Action plan for Social Audit during 2019-20.

Social audit shall be conducted in 6 districts during 2019-20.

2.16 Capacity building and training for different stakeholders

2.16.1 Details of the training programme conducted for State level officials, SMC members, school teachers and others stakeholders

Periodical Capacity building are being conducted in all districts.

2.16.2 Details about Modules used for training, Master Trainers, Venues etc.

All details about the Mid Day Meal Scheme are shared during the training.

2.16.3 Targets for the next year.

All districts shall be covered.

2.17 Management Information System at School, Block, District and State level and its details.

2.17.1 Procedure followed for data entry into MDM-MIS Web portal

Data collected from schools are used to enter in the MDM-MIS Web portal by the district authority.

2.17.2 Level (State/ District/ Block/ School) at which data entry is made

District level.

2.17.3 Availability of manpower for web based MIS.

There is shortage of manpower for web based entry of data presently in the Department/MDM Cell and the same is proposed to be done through outsourcing of manpower.

2.17.4 Mechanism for ensuring timely data entry and quality of data.

District authority scrutinized data collected from schools then it is entered in MDM-MIS.

2.17.5 Whether MIS data is being used for monitoring purpose and details thereof.

It is used as per necessity.

2.18 Automated Monitoring System (AMS) at School, Block, District and State level and its details.

2.18.1 Status of implementation of AMS

Efforts are being put to improve AMS performance by organizing workshop at district level as demanded by district authorities from time to time. Still performance is not satisfactory.

2.18.2 Mode of collection of data under AMS (SMS/IVRS/Mobile App/Web enabled)

Through SMS.

2.18.3 Tentative unit cost for collection of data.

Presently, it is borne by school authority.

2.18.4 Mechanism for ensuring timely submission of information by schools

It is being addressed during the Capacity Building.

2.18.5 Whether the information under AMS is got validated.

Yes.

2.18.6 Whether AMS data is being used for monitoring purpose and details thereof.

Yes.

2.18.7 In case, AMS has not been rolled out, the reasons therefor may be indicated along with the time lines by which it would be rolled out.

Data fund in AMS is used while inspecting the schools.

2.19 Details of Evaluation studies conducted by State/UT and summary of its findings.

Does not arise.

2.20 Case Studies / Write up on best/ innovative practices followed in the State along with some high resolution photographs of these best / innovative practices.

Parents of school children and other community members oversee the preparation and serving of meals at school level.

Nutrition gardens have been set up in the premises of 171 schools.

2.21 Untoward incidents

2.21.1 Instances of unhygienic food served, children falling ill

Does not arise.

2.21.2 Sub-standard supplies,

Does not arise.

2.21.3 Diversion/ misuse of resources,

Does not arise.

2.21.4 Social discrimination

There is no reports on social discrimination till date.

2.21.5 Action taken and safety measures adopted to avoid recurrence of such incidents. Whether Emergency Plan exists to tackle any untoward incident.

Does not arise.

2.22 Status of Rastriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram.

2.22.1 Provision of micro- nutrients, de-worming medicine, Iron and Folic acid (WIFS).

It is distributed in all schools in the State including private schools.

2.22.2 Distribution of spectacles to children with refractive error,

Health Department has been tied up in this regard and found that there is no provision to provide spectacles.

2.22.3 Recording of height, weight etc.

It is done by the Health Department.

2.22.4 Number of visits made by the RBSK team for the health check- up of the children (Please ensure to upload at least two photographs of the visit of the medical team in each school on MDM-MIS portal).

807 schools have been visited and health check-up done for 52037 children.

2.23 Present monitoring structure at various levels. Strategy for establishment of monitoring cell at various levels viz. Block, District and State level for effective monitoring of the scheme.

Monitoring is done through regular inspections at different levels.

2.24 Meetings of Steering cum Monitoring Committees at the Block, District and State level

2.24.1 Number of meetings held at various level and gist of the issues discussed in the meeting,

2.24.2 Action taken on the decisions taken during these meetings.

Follow up actions are usually reviewed in every next meeting.

2.25 Frequency of meeting of District Level Committee held under the chairmanship of senior most MP of the District to monitor the scheme. Gist of the issues discussed and action taken thereon.

2.26 Arrangement for official inspections to MDM centers/schools and percentage of schools inspected and summary of findings and remedial measures taken.

2.27 Details of the Contingency Plan to avoid any untoward incident. Printing of important phone numbers (eg. Primary health center, Hospital, Fire brigade etc) on the walls of school building.

2.28 Grievance Redressal Mechanism

2.28.1 Details regarding Grievance Redressal at all levels,

Important telephone numbers of nearest Police, Health and others are displayed in the school campus.

2.28.2 Details of complaints received i.e. Nature of complaints etc.

Nil.

2.28.3 Time schedule for disposal of complaints,

Nil

2.28.4 Details of action taken on the complaints.

Nil.

2.29 Details regarding Awareness Generation & Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities and Media campaign, carried out at State/district/block/school level.

The objectives and benefits of the Mid Day Meal Scheme are highlighted during capacity building programmes at the State and district level. The State is planning to conduct workshops for handholding and awareness generation of various stakeholders during the year 2019-20..

2.30 Overall assessment of the manner in which implementation of the programme is contributing to the programme objectives and an analysis of strengths and weaknesses of the programme implementation.

Attendance of children is attracted by serving MDM meals and enrolment is considerably increased in most of the schools. Delay on release of funds by the State Finance Department becomes an usual weakness part of the scheme.

2.31 Action Plan for ensuring enrolment of all school children under Aadhaar before the stipulated date.

A total of 70 Aadhaar Enrolment Kits (AEKs) is just procured with the financial assistances from UIDAI. Mass scale aadhaar enrolment of school children with the officials of the department who passed UIDAI Certification Examination shall be carried out immediately and shall be completed at the earliest .

2.32 Contribution by community in the form of Tithi Bhojan or any other similar practices in the State/ UT etc.

It has been frequently requested to contribute during Capacity building however the response is not satisfactory. Campaigns and public awareness can be added after trying up with other Schemes like Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.

2.33 Kitchen Gardens

2.33.1 Status of availability of kitchen gardens in the schools. (Please furnish school wise details for all districts in the table given at **Annexure – W 1.**)

154 kitchen garden already have been taken up during 2017-18. Another 51 schools are planned to be develop during the current financial year. However we would planned to expand further.

2.33.2 Mapping of schools with the corresponding Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK)

2.33.3 Details of the mechanisms adopted for the setting up and Maintenance of kitchen gardens.

School authorities are regularly motivated.

2.33.4 Whether the produce of these kitchen gardens is used in MDM.

Used as per availability.

2.33.5 Action plan for setting up of kitchen gardens in all schools.

2.34 Details of action taken to operationalize the MDM Rules, 2015.

The matter is with the State Government and finalization of the operational guidelines is awaited.

2.35 Details of payment of Food Security Allowances and its mechanism.

Does not arise.

2.36 Cooking Competition

2.36.1 Whether cooking competitions have been organized at different levels in 2018-19,

Nil.

2.36.2 if yes in 2.36.1,

2.36.2.1 the number of participants in these competitions

Nil

2.36.2.2 Details of judges

Nil

2.36.2.3 How many participants were awarded

Nil

2.36.2.4 Was the awarded participants given any cash prizes

Nil

2.36.2.5 Whether the awarded recipes have been shared with schools

Nil

2.36.3 Details of action plan for year 2019-20

Cooking competition will be conducted in 170 schools during 2019-20.

2.37 Details of minor modifications from the existing guidelines carried out by District Level Committee chaired by the District Magistrate.

Nil.

2.38 Details of new interventions envisaged under 5% flexi funds – For each intervention, please provide detailed information in the below template

2.38.1 Background Note

Nil.

2.38.2 Objectives

Nil.

2.38.3 Rationale for the intervention

Nil.

2.38.4 Time lines

Nil.

2.38.5 Coverage

2.38.5.1 Number of Districts

Nil.

2.38.5.2 Number of schools

Nil.

2.38.5.3 Number of children

Nil.

2.38.5.4 Number of working days

Nil.

2.38.6 Requirement of Funds

Nil.

2.38.7 Monitoring

Nil.

2.38.8 Outcome measurement

Nil.

2.38.9 Impact assessment

Nil.

2.39 Any other issues and Suggestions.

Under the MDM Scheme, different Transport Assistance are being provided for transportation of foodgrains and made it state specific. In the similar manner if cooking cost is provided as state specific it shall be comfortable in providing the mandated calories towards the children. This issue has been raised in many Regional meetings during the last 3/4 years and response from MHRD in this regard is still awaited.

School wise information on kitchen gardens

S. No.	Name of District	Name of Block	Name of school	Type of kitchen field (open field, terrace, containers)	Size of kitchen garden (approx. sq mt)	Main produce	Quantity of produce (in Kg)	Participating agencies (KVK, Horticulture Dept., Community, School's own initiative)

Note : At least three photographs to be uploaded on MDM-MIS portal