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Department of School Education & Literacy
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Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 17.03.2020 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) in respect of UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands under Mid Day Meal Scheme for 2020-21.

The meeting of Programme Approval Board Mid-Day Meal was held on 17.03.2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (SE&L) in Conference Room No.112, C-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2020-21 in respect of UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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 held on 17.03.2020 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2020-21 of Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the UT of A&N Islands

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held in New Delhi on 17.03.2020. 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 in the UT of A&N Islands
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2020-21 proposal of UT of A&N Islands for MDM Scheme.

2. Joint Secretary (EE.I) welcomed the members of PAB-MDM. He appreciated the good practices/initiatives of the UT of A&N Islands viz., UT Administration is making additional contribution of Rs. 6 per child per day in Cooking Cost in both Primary & Upper Primary levels. UT Administration is providing boiled eggs thrice a week and banana twice a week to the students of Pre-Primary upto Upper-Primary from UT's own resources. In the UT of A&N Islands, it is mandatory for all Cook-cum-Helpers to wear head gears, aprons and hand gloves. Regular tasting of Food by Teachers / SMC members before serving is practiced. Every School has Standard Operating Procedures to be followed during emergency situations.

3. Secretary (Department of Education and Sports), UT of A&N Islands briefed the PAB about the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in the UT of A&N Islands during 2019-20 and the initiatives taken by the UT Administration for improving the effectiveness of the scheme and Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2020-21 proposals. Director (MDM), Govt. of India also briefed on the analysis of the performance of the UT on the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during 2019-20.

4. Review of Performance during 2019-20

4.1 Coverage of children:

4.1.1 Average number of children availed MDM vis-à-vis enrollment:

The UT of A&N Islands has enrollment of 18121 children in Primary and 12994 children in Upper Primary, out of which, 14155 children (78%) in Primary and 10442 children (80%) in Upper Primary have availed MDM on an average basis during the year 2019-20.

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4.1.2 Average number of children availed MDM vis-à-vis PAB-MDM Approval:

The PAB-MDM has approved 14017 children at Primary and 10084 children at Upper Primary level, out of which, 14155 children (101%) at Primary and 10442 children (104%) at Upper Primary have availed Mid Day Meal on an average basis during the year 2019-20.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of A&N Islands both at Primary level and Upper Primary level.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB-MDM has approved 152 working days both for Primary and Upper Primary upto 3rd Quarter. UT of A&N Islands has covered 150 days both at Primary and at Upper Primary level.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of A&N Islands to adhere to the academic calendar and ensure MDM is served on all working days.

4.3 Fund Flow Mechanism

The Department is using the e-transfer system for transferring the funds to all the Drawing and Disbursing Officers (DDOs) of Education Department through Pay & Accounts Office for its utilization and further funds are released to the schools. PAB raised concern over the late submission of proposal by UT of A&N Islands with the result, 2nd instalment of Central Assistance was released in the month of February 2020.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of A&N Islands for electronic release of funds to the implementing agencies and advised the UT of A&N Islands to ensure proper and timely submission of proposals so that Central Assistance is released on time for smooth implementation of the scheme.

4.4 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):

The utilization of MME funds upto 3rd Quarter is very low i.e. 19% only.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM pointed out to the UT of A&N Islands that at least 75% of MME funds should have been utilized upto 3rd Quarter of the FY 2019-20 for

the implementation of the scheme and advised them to keep on utilizing the MME funds for better and smooth implementation of the scheme.

4.5 Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and Honorarium

UT of A&N Islands has engaged 298 CCH in Primary vis-à-vis PAB-MDM approval of 298 and 423 CCH in Upper Primary vis-a-vis PAB approval of 423 in Upper Primary. UT of A&N Islands is not providing any additional amount to CCH.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM noted the information.

4.6 Kitchen-cum-Stores (New as well as Repair):

Central Assistance of Rs. 802.3 Lakh has been released for construction of 251 Kitchen-cum-Stores. Out of 251 Kitchen-cum-Stores sanctioned from 2013-14 to 2019-20, 165 Kitchen-cum-Stores have been constructed. The UT of A & N Islands informed that the Construction of remaining 86 Kitchen-cum-Stores is yet to be started. Out of 86 Kitchen-cum-Stores, UT has dropped 6 units as they are not required and remaining units are now 80. As per the revised proposal of the UT Administration, Govt. of India released Rs. 362.03 lakh on 21st January 2020 for Construction of 80 Kitchen-cum-Store against the total demand of Rs. 630.39 lakh. Due to paucity of funds, Integrated Finance Division has released an amount of Rs.362.03 lakh, rest amount will be released in the next financial year i.e. 2020-2021. UT Administration has requested to release the remaining amount of Rs. 268.36 lakh so that the construction work of the remaining Kitchen-cum-Stores may be completed.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of A&N Islands to complete the Construction of the Kitchen-cum-Stores by September 2020, for which Central Assistance has already been released and also informed that the remaining funds will also be released as soon as possible.

4.7 Kitchen Devices (New as well as Replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs. 11.30 lakh has been released towards procurement of 226 units of Kitchen Devices since 2006-07. The UT Administration has reported that all 226 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured.

Central Assistance of Rs. 6.35 lakh has also been released for Replacement of 127 units of Kitchen Devices. The UT Administration has reported that all 127 units of Kitchen Devices have been Replaced.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts and advised the UT of A&N Islands to maintain the Kitchen Devices.

4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens :

The UT of A&N Islands informed that in 324 schools, School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens have been developed under the programme called as “**Mera School Meri Bagiya**” (मेरा स्कूल मेरी बगिया) with an objective to ensure access to healthy diet with adequate macro and micronutrients at door-steps. The products of the School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens are being utilized for preparing Mid Day Meal for the students. The UT of A&N Islands has assured to submit the proposal for developing School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens for FY 2020-21 at the earliest.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of the UT of A&N Islands and advised the UT Administration to submit the proposal for developing School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens in the remaining schools at the earliest.

4.9 School Health Programme (Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Weekly Iron & Folic Acid Supplementation, National De-worming Day etc.) and Nutrition in convergence with other Ministries:

It was observed that Health check-up has been carried out for 28306 (91%) children, out of total enrolment of 31115 children.

Enrolment	No. of Children		
	Health check-up (RBSK)	Iron & Folic Acid tablets (WIFS)	De-worming tablets (NDD)
31115	28306 (91%)	31115 (100%)	31115 (100%)

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of UT Administration and also advised them to keep close convergence with the Health Department to ensure coverage of children under various provisions of RBSK.

4.10 Tithi Bhojan or similar practices

“Tithi Bhojan” is an initiative started by the States and UTs with different nomenclature, with an aim to provide additional nutrition to children studying in schools. Under this program, community provides full meal or additional items on special occasions such as festivals, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages and days of national importance etc. It was emphasized that Tithi Bhojan is not a substitute to Mid-Day Meal and this only supplements or complements Mid Day Meal. Guidelines on Tithi Bhojan have already been issued by MHRD. UT of A&N Islands has not yet formally started such initiative. However, apart from meals, UT Administration is providing Supplementary Nutrition from its own resources.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of A&N Islands to encourage the concept of 'Tithi Bhojan' by giving a suitable name for community participation, duly following all possible precautionary measures in Mid Day Meal Scheme. This would help in promoting a sense of ownership of the scheme among the community and the children may get Supplementary Nutrition in the form of sweets, namkeen, seasonal fruits etc.

4.11 Supplementary Nutrition:

The UT of A&N Islands informed that apart from meals, Supplementary Nutrition is being provided in the form of eggs and fruit from its own resources namely one boiled egg per day per child thrice a week @ Rs. 6.00 per day per child served on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and one banana twice a week @ Rs. 6.00 per day per child on every Tuesday and Thursday.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the provision of additional items and advised the UT of A&N Islands to submit the proposal for provision of Supplementary Nutrition under Flexibility Component.

4.12 Testing of Meals :

UT of A&N Islands informed that there is no accredited lab for testing of Food samples in the UT, due to which the testing of Food samples could not be done.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the UT of A&N Islands to get some Food samples of Mid Day Meal tested in the facilities available in the adjoining State.

4.13 Grievance Redressal Mechanism and status of disposal of complaints

The Toll-Free number 18003451143 has been installed at UT level to receive grievances. Apart from this, the present official Telephone Numbers of Nodal Officer (Mid Day Meals) and nine Zonal Officers across the Islands are being used for addressing the grievances. Complaint boxes and registers are also maintained in all schools. So far no complaints on the MDM scheme have been registered on Toll-Free number and complaints, if any, on implementation of MDM scheme are disposed on the day of receipt of complaint or within a week's time.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of A&N Islands to give wide publicity to the scheme, display of entitlement of children under MDM etc along with Toll - Free number. This will help in enhancing awareness among the community. PAB also stressed on timely disposal of complaints.

4.14 Cooking Competitions :

The Department has not initiated Cooking Competitions among Cook-cum-Helpers during 2019-20 but has planned to organize Cooking Competitions in the next financial year 2020-21.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of A&N Islands to organise Cooking Competitions and also for appropriate documentation of the entire process. PAB further advised the UT of A&N Islands to prepare short videos summarizing the whole process and also to develop Case Studies and share the same with MHRD.

4.15 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers and other capacity building activities:

UT of A&N Islands has informed that no training programmes have been conducted during 2019-20 and further informed that at least two to three capacity building and training programmes for Cook-cum-Helpers and other stake holders may be conducted in each district in 2020-21.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM advised the UT of A&N Islands to organize training programmes for all the Cook-cum-Helpers and also to conduct periodic Refresher Courses for all the trained Cook-cum-Helpers.

4.16 Data Entry on MDM-MIS Web Portal:

MDM-MIS Portal captures information on critical indicators of MDMS. The Annual data entry module captures Master data on availability of Kitchen-cum-Stores, Kitchen Devices, number of Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, mode of cooking etc. The Monthly data entry module captures data on number of days Mid-Day Meal was served; number of meals served, Honorarium paid to Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, number of children received IFA tablets, number of children screened under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The UT of A&N Islands has completed Annual data entry for 100% schools and Monthly data entry for 100% in the MIS Portal.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the efforts of UT of A&N Islands for completing all data entries Annual as well as Monthly in the Web Portal upto December 2019 and advised the UT of A&N Islands to maintain the consistency and accuracy of the data entered.

4.17 Status of implementation of Automated Monitoring System (AMS):

AMS has been put in place for real-time monitoring of MDMS. Data on number of meals served on the particular day and reasons, if meals not served, is being captured from schools with no cost to school Head Masters/Teachers. Out of 332 schools, daily data has been reported by 213 schools i.e. 64 % schools have reported on Automated Monitoring System.

Comments of PAB: UT of A&N Islands was advised to ensure that daily data is reported by 100% schools on all school working days.

4.18 Centralized Kitchens:

There is no Centralized Kitchen available in the UT of A&N Islands.

Comments of PAB : PAB-MDM noted the information.

4.19 Social Audit:

The UT of A&N Islands have not conducted Social Audit in any district out of total 3 districts. The UT Administration has requested MHRD to depute expert in the field to disseminate information on various parameters of Social Audit, a kind of handholding so that, this UT may plan for Conducting Social Audit in South Andaman.

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM informed that under the provisions of section 28 of National Food Security Act, 2013 it is mandatory to conduct Social Audit. As per MDM guidelines Social Audit is to be conducted in all the schools in a phased manner by utilizing MME funds and advised to inform MHRD the action plan for conducting handholding meeting so that necessary action may be taken as per request of the UT Administration.

4.20 Provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance during closure of schools due to COVID-19

MHRD has advised all States and UTs vide letter dated 20.03.2020 and 29.04.2020 regarding provision of Mid Day Meal or Food Security Allowance to the eligible children under Mid Day Meal Scheme during closure of schools on account of COVID-19 and summer vacations during 2020-21 respectively. The UT of A&N Islands has proposed to provide Cost of Foodgrains and Cooking Cost under Mid-Day-Meal to the enrolled students of Primary & Upper Primary Level for 46 days covering the period of 16th March 2020 to 16th May 2020. UT of A&N Islands has proposed to provide Food Security Allowance for 60 days during summer vacations (18th May to 16th July 2020).

Comments of PAB: PAB-MDM appreciated the provisions made for distribution of Food Security Allowance during closure of schools.

4.21 Other proposals and issues discussed, if any

The UT Administration has requested for enhancement of Honorarium of CCH as Rs. 1000/- per CCH is very less.

Comments of PAB: The proposal of the UT Administration has been noted

5. Component wise Proposals and PAB-MDM Approvals

It may be noted that hot cooked Mid-Day Meal shall be served to every child studying in class I to VIII, on all school days in all eligible schools as per the MDM guidelines.

5.1 Coverage of children

UT of A&N Islands Administration has proposed to cover 14936 children in Primary classes and 10736 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved UT of A&N Islands' proposals to cover 14936 children in Primary classes and 10736 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2020-21.

5.2 Coverage of Working Days

UT of A&N Islands Administration has proposed to serve MDM on 220 days in Primary and 220 days in Upper Primary schools during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of A&N Islands to serve MDM for 220 days in Primary and 220 days in Upper Primary schools during 2020-21.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

UT of A&N Islands Administration has proposed to engage 298 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and 423 Cook-cum-Helpers in Upper Primary under Mid Day Meal Scheme during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of A&N Islands to engage 298 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and 423 Cook-cum-Helpers in Upper Primary under Mid Day Meal Scheme during 2020-21.

5.4 Drought

Drought has not been notified in the UT of A&N Islands.

Approval of PAB: NIL

5.5 Kitchen-cum-Stores: New as well as Repair

UT of A&N Islands has not submitted any proposal for Construction of New and Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores for FY 2020-21

Approval of PAB: NIL

5.6 Kitchen Devices: New as well as Replacement

UT of A&N Islands Administration has not submitted any proposal for procurement of New as well as Replacement of New Kitchen Devices.

Approval of PAB: NIL

5.7 Flexibility for new interventions

The UT of A&N Islands may use a maximum of Rs. 22.44 lakh (5% of total Recurring 100% Central Share) for School Nutrition Gardens and Supplementary Nutrition interventions. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of A&N Islands (Recurring Central Assistance).

5.7.1 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens

UT of A&N Islands Administration will submit the proposal to develop and maintain School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the UT Administration's proposal for submitting the action plan to develop and maintain School Nutrition Gardens, soon to the Ministry. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of A&N Islands (Recurring Central Assistance).

Funds for this may be used from the funds available with the UT of A&N Islands from the Recurring Central Assistance released to the UT of A&N Islands.

5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition

UT Administration has not given any proposal for Flexibility component.

Comments of PAB: NIL

This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of A&N Islands (Recurring Central Assistance).

5.8 Cooking Competitions

UT of A&N Islands Administration has proposed to organize Cooking Competitions at various levels i.e. Block level, District level for promoting variety menu.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of A&N Islands for organizing Cooking Competitions at various levels by utilizing MME funds.

5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

UT of A&N Islands has proposed to train all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT of A&N Islands for training of all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers by utilizing MME funds.

5.10 Conducting of Social Audit of Mid day meal Scheme.

UT of A&N Islands has proposed to Conduct Social Audit in South Andaman district during 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the proposal of the UT Administration for conducting Social Audit in South Andaman district as per MDM guidelines by utilizing MME funds.

5.11 Provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance (FSA) during summer vacation as a one time measure due to COVID-19

In compliance with the directions issued vide letter no. F. No. 1-2/2020 Desk (MDM) dated 29.04.2020 regarding provision of MDM or Food Security Allowance (FSA) during summer vacation as a one-time measure due to COVID-19, the UT of A&N Islands has submitted proposal for covering 18121 children in Primary and 12994 children in Upper Primary for 60 days during summer vacations in 2020-21.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-MDM approved the UT of A&N Islands's proposal to cover 18121 children in Primary and 12994 children in Upper Primary for 60 days of summer vacations during 2020-21.

6. Summary of PAB-MDM approvals (Physical) for the year 2020-21

6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB-MDM Approvals (Physical) for 2020-21
1	Schools	
1.1	Primary	182
1.2	Upper Primary	150

1.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
2	Children	
2.1	Primary	14936
2.2	Upper Primary	10736
2.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
3	Working Days	
3.1	Primary	220
3.2	Upper Primary	220
3.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	0
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	298
4.2	Upper Primary	423
5	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	
5.1	Children (Pry)	0
5.2	Children (U Pry)	0
5.3	Working days	0
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	0
6	Non Recurring	
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
6.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0
6.3	Kitchen Devices	0
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0
7	Provision of MDM during summer vacations 2020-21 as a one time measure	
7.1	Children (Pry)	18121
7.2	Children (U Pry)	12994
7.3	Working days	60

6.2 Flexibility for new interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2020-21
1	Flexibility for new interventions	
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in schools)	(PRPOSAL AWAITED) (In convergence with line departments in UT of A&N Islands)

existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by UT of A&N Islands)	
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7. Summary of PAB-MDM approvals (Financial) for the year 2020-21

7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Particulars	100% Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory UT of Share	Total (Central + UT of Share)
1	Recurring			
1.1	Serving of MDM during regular school working days	448.78	0	448.78
1.2	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0	0	0
Total Recurring				
2	Non Recurring			
2.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store	0	0	0
2.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0	0	0
2.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (new)	0	0	0
2.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0	0	0
Total Non-Recurring		0	0	0
Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)		448.78	0	448.78
3	Provision of MDM during summer vacations 2020-21 as a one time measure			
3.1	One time Assistance	120.59	0	120.59
Grand Total (1+2+3)		569.37	0	569.37

7.2 Flexibility for new interventions

S. No.	Particulars	100% Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory UT	Total (Central + UT)
1	Flexibility for new interventions			
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen)	-	-	-

1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in schools) (PROPOSAL AWAITED)	-	-	-
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by UT of A&N Islands) (PROPOSAL AWAITED)	-	-	-
1.3	Any other proposal	NIL	NIL	NIL

Note: *This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of A&N Islands (recurring Central Assistance).*

8. The quantification of 100% Central Assistance of Rs. **569.37 lakh & 908.56 MT** Foodgrains to the UT of A&N Islands has been done as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-MDM approvals for the year 2020-21. The detailed component-wise quantification for 2020-21 is at Appendix-I.
9. ***It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of Foodgrains during 2020-21 under the MDM Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, MDM rules, MDM Guidelines and instructions issued from time to time, provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served hot cooked mid-day meal or provided with Food Security Allowance, as applicable, on all school days. During the year, if it is noticed by the State/UT Govt. that more funds are needed to implement the Mid Day Meal Scheme, due to increase in the attendance of children, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach Government of India at any time during the year with justification seeking additional Central Assistance and Foodgrains.***
10. The UT of A&N Islands is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the UT of A&N Islands so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every child attending an eligible school must be served hot cooked Mid-Day Meal or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-MDM.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Appendix-1

UT: A & N ISLANDS

QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2020-21

A. Food grains

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	14936	220	328.59		328.59
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	10736	220	354.29		354.29
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	0	0	0	0	0
4	Drought					
4.1	Primary	0	0	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		25672		682.88		682.88

B. Cost of Food-grains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance, Honorarium 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 for rice	9.86

2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97/- per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 4.97/-per child per day	163.31
2.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share	0
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750/- Per MT food grains	2.46
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs 1000/- for 10 months)	29.80
4.2	UT Share	0
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	5.55
Total Central Share for Primary		210.98
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	10.63
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45/- per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 7.45/- per child per day	175.96
7.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share	0
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750/- Per MT food grains	2.66
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 1000/- for 10 months)	42.30
9.2	UT Share	0
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost	6.25

	iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		237.80
NCLP		
11	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	
12	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
12.1	Central share @ Rs. per child per day	
12.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @Rs. per child per day	
12.3	Transportation cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	
12.4	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost and iii) Cost of transportation	
Total Central Share for NCLP		
Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)		448.78

C. Drought : NOT APPLICABLE

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. per child per day	
2.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs. per child per day	
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs. for 2 months)	
4.2	UT Share - @ Rs. For 2 months)	
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
Total Central Share for Primary (Drought)		
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. per child per day	

7.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs. 2.60 per child per day	
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper (included in primary)	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs. for ... months)	
9.2	UT Share - @ Rs. for ... months)	
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
Total Central Share for Upper Primary (Drought)		
Total Primary + Upper Primary (Drought)		

D. Non-recurring

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-store	0.00
2	Repair of kitchen-cum-store (NIL)	0.00
3	Kitchen Devices (New)	
3.1	Central Share	0.00
3.2	UT Share	0.00
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement-NIL)	
4.1	Central Share	0.00
4.2	UT Share (NIL)	0.00
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		0.00

E. Flexibility for new interventions*

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Component	100% Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory UT Share	Total

1	Serving of MDM during regular school working days – from Table B	448.78	0	448.78
2	Serving of MDM in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0	0	0
3	Total (1+2)	448.78	0	448.78
4	Maximum admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions (5% of 3 above)	22.44	0	22.44
PAB Approvals for flexible funds				
	i) School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens ... SNG @ Rs 5000 each) (PROPOSAL AWAITED)	0	0	0
	ii) Supplementary Nutrition (PROPOSAL AWAITED)	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0

*UT of A&N Islands will submit the detailed proposal for Supplementary Nutrition and School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT of A&N Islands(recurring Central Assistance).

F. Cost of Food-grains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance for providing MDM or FSA during summer vacations as one time measure

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice (108.73 MTs)	3.26
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97/- per child per day for 18121 children and for 60 days	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs 4.97/- per child per day	54.04
2.2	Minimum Mandatory UT of Share @ Rs.0/- per child per day	0.00
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs . 750/- Per MT food grains	0.82
Total Central Share for Primary		58.12
Upper Primary		
4	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice (116.95 MTs)	3.51
5	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45/- per child per day for 12994	

	children and for 60 days	
5.1	Central share @ Rs. 7.45/- per child per day	58.08
5.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs 0/-per child per day	0.00
6	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750/- Per MT food grains	0.88
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		62.47
Total central share for Primary and Upper Primary		120.59

Total Requirement of Funds for 2020-21

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		100% Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory UT of share
Recurring	Normal	448.78	0.00
	Drought	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0
Total		448.78	0
For summer vacations as one time measure		120.59	0
Grand Total including summer vacations		569.37	0



Annexure-I
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