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APPRAISAL NOTE

STATE: ASSAM

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Overview: Status on Pre requisite steps required for submission of AWP&B, 2020-21

Pre-requisite step	Status
e-transfer of funds to all schools	Y
100% payment of cost of food grains made to FCI	N*
100% payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers through e-transfer to their bank accounts.	Y
Annual and Monthly data entry for the FY 2019-20 completed.	Annual: 97% Monthly: 84%
Automated Monitoring system operationalized for 100% schools	54%
Emergency Medical Plan is in place	Y
Action taken note on commitments given by the State Govt. during PAB Meeting of 2019-20	Y
Separate and detailed MME plan	Y
Action taken on complaints	Y

* FCI dues amounting to 1850 lakhs pending for FY 2019-20 and Rs. 8 lakhs for 2018-19 as per FCI statement of March 2020

a. Main Issues from appraisal:

1. State has not yet surrendered the funds pertaining to 5122 units of kitchen-cum-stores sanctioned @Rs. 60,000/- per unit and also not submitted the revised proposal.
2. Proposal for repair of kitchen-cum-stores and procurement of kitchen devices approved by PAB-MDM during 2019-20 not submitted by State.
3. Less utilization of funds for Transportation Assistance (58%) and MME (62%) against allocation upto 3rd quarter.
4. Less number of schools (54%) reporting data under Automated Monitoring System (AMS).
5. FCI dues amounting to 1850 lakhs pending for FY 2019-20 and Rs. 8 lakhs for 2018-19 as per FCI statement of March 2020.
6. Only 56% children screened under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram.
7. Social Audit not conducted by the State.

b. Best Practices:

- 1) Supplementary nutritive items/ foods (“Sampriti Bhojan”) like sweet, fruits, snacks and biscuits etc. are given to children in addition to MDM with voluntary support from the community.
- 2) Dissemination of information related to MDMS to all schools and offices through wall posters, hoardings and calenders: Weekly Suggested Menu, AMS toll free no., School Nutrition Garden, Sampriti Bhojan, Food Safety & Hygiene.
- 3) Guidelines on food safety and hygiene for kitchens under MDMS have been translated into local languages and distributed to the schools.
- 4) School Nutrition Garden (Kitchen Gardens) have been setup in 22154 schools and in progress in 11568 schools.
- 5) Group hand-washing facilities have been installed in 5025 schools.

Part-A : General Information

Introduction:

The Mid-day-Meal Scheme is a school meal programme of the Government of India designed to improve the nutritional status of school going children nationwide. The programme supplies free lunches on working days for children in primary and upper primary classes in government, government aided, local body, Education Guarantee Scheme and alternate innovative education centres, *Madarsa* and *Maqtab*s supported under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and National Child Labour Project schools run by the Ministry of Labour. With a view to enhancing enrolment, retention and attendance and simultaneously improving nutritional levels among children, the “*National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education*” (NP-NSPE) was launched as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 15th August, 1995.

In the year 2001, Mid-Day-Meal Scheme became a cooked Mid-Day-Meal Scheme under which every child in every Government and Government aided primary school was to be served a prepared Mid-Day-Meal with a minimum content of 300 calories of energy and 8-12 gram protein per day for a minimum of 200 days. The Scheme was further extended in 2002 to cover not only children studying in Government, Government aided and local body schools, but also children studying in Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) centres.

In October 2007, the Scheme was extended to cover children of upper primary classes (i.e. class VI to VIII) studying in 3,479 Educationally Backwards Blocks (EBBs) and the name of the Scheme was changed from ‘National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education’ to ‘*National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools*’. The Scheme was further revised in April 2008 to extend the scheme to recognized as well as unrecognized Madarsas / Maqtabas supported under SSA.

Mid-Day-Meal Programme has been started in the State of Assam with effect from January, 2005 covering children reading in classes I-IV under the supervision as well as managerial control of Directorate of Elementary, Education, Assam. However, children reading in Upper Primary classes have been covered with effect from 2008-09 in Educationally Backward Blocks and all the children reading in Upper Primary classes (I-VIII) have been covered with effect from 2009-10.

The State Government has transferred the implementation of Mid-Day-Meal Scheme to SSA, Assam w.e.f. 01-01-2014. The scheme of Mid-Day Meal has now been running under the direct supervision of SSA, Assam.

1. Basic Information:

(Year 2019-20)

S. No.	INDICATORS	STATUS		
		PRY	U PRY	TOTAL
1. No. of Institutions				
i)	Existing Institutions	40225	13681	53906
ii)	Covered during the year	39820	13607	53427
2. No. of Children				
i)	Approved by MDM-PAB	2719452	1331885	4051337
ii)	Enrollment as on 30.9.2019	2817302	1503465	4320767
ii)	Average No. of children availed MDM during 2019-20	2699047 (96%)	1328634 (88%)	4027681 (93%)
3. Coverage of children as per Quarterly Progress Report (QPR)				
i)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-1	2689286 (95%)	1324496 (88%)	4013782 (93%)
ii)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-2	2689972 (95%)	1330645 (89%)	4020617 (93%)
iii)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-3	2717884 (96%)	1330760 (89%)	4048644 (94%)
4. No. of Working Days				
i)	Approved for 2019-20 upto 31.12.2019	145	153	
ii)	Covered during 2019-20	141	149	
5. Per unit cooking cost Per child per day (in Rs.)				
AVERAGE UNIT COOKING COST PCPD		4.48	6.71	
State's contributions in cooking cost per child per day		0.45	0.67	

Part-B : Review of Performance in 2019 -20 (01.04.19 to 31.12.2019)

2. Based on the information provided by the State administration in its AWP&B 2020-21, the performance during 2019-20 (01.04.19 to 31.12.2019) was reviewed. The major issues in implementation during 2019-20 are summarized as under: -

2.0 Coverage of Institutions

Coverage in terms of No. of institutions.

Difference between Existing Vs No. of institutions covered (Achievement) -

i) PRIMARY

The number of existing institutions = 40225

Number of institutions covered during 2019-20 = 39820 (99 %)

ii) UPPER PRIMARY & UPPER PRIMARY WITH PRIMARY

The number of existing institutions = 13681

Number of institutions covered during 2019-20 = 13607 (99 %)

2.1 Average number of children availed MDM vis-à-vis enrolment

2.1.1 a) Primary - Coverage in terms of No. of children. Difference between Enrolment vs. Average No. of Children Availed MDM (Achievement) (Refer Table 2.3 of the Analysis Sheet).

Total Enrolment as on 30.09.2019 = 2817302

Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20 = 2699047 (96%)

b) Upper Primary: Coverage in terms of No. of children. Difference between Enrolment vs Average No. of Children Availed MDM (Achievement) - UPPER PRIMARY (Refer Table 2.4 of the Analysis Sheet).

Total Enrolment as on 30.09.2019 = 1503465

Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20 = 1328634 (88%)

Observations - The coverage against enrolment in primary and upper primary is above the national average of 76%.

2.1.2 Average number of children availed MDM vis-à-vis PAB-MDM approval :

a) Primary : Coverage in terms of No. of children. Difference between PAB Approval

(Target) vs. Average No. of Children Availing MDM (Achievement)

(Refer Table 2.5 of the Analysis Sheet).

The number of children approved by MDM PAB for 2019-20 = 2719452
Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20 = 2699047 (99 %)

b) Upper Primary: Coverage in terms of No. of children. Difference between PAB Approval

(Target) Vs Average No. of Children Availing MDM (Achievement)

(Refer Table 2.6 of the Analysis Sheet).

The number of children approved by MDM PAB for 2019-20 = 1331885
Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20 = 1328634 (100%)

2.1.3 No. of Meals: Difference between No. of meal to be served (Target) Vs. No. of meals

Served (Achievement) - PY+U PY *(Refer Table 2.7 of the Analysis Sheet).*

The number of meals to be served during 2019-20 = 5982.63 lakh
The number of meals served during 2019-20 = 5787.03 lakh (97%)

2.2 FOODGRAINS

2.2.1 Level of Opening Balance as on 01.04.19: (Refer Table 3.2 of the Analysis Sheet).

The State has 225.489 MTs (0.2%) of food-grains as opening balance against the total allocation of 101108.272 MTs for 2019-20 as on 1.4.19.

2.2.2 Level of unspent balance as on 31.12.19: (Refer Table 3.3 of the Analysis Sheet).

The State level closing balance as on 31.12.19 is 3456.52 MTs (3%) against the total allocation of 101108.272 MTs.

2.2.3 Availability of Food grains: (01.04.19 to 31.12.19) : (Refer Table 3.5 of the Analysis sheet)

State level availability as on 31.12.19 was 60% of the total allocation.

2.2.4 Utilization of food grains: (Refer Table 3.7 of the Analysis sheet)

An analysis of the utilization of food grains during the first three quarters of 2019-20 shows that State has utilized 63380.93 M.Ts (63%) of the allocated food grains.

2.2.5 Payment of cost of foodgrains to FCI: (Refer Table 3.9 of the Analysis sheet)

The FCI has submitted bills for Rs. 1998.39 lakh during 1.4.2019 to 31.12. 2019 towards cost of food grains. The State has made payment for Rs. 1290.58 lakh (65%) to the FCI. The State is advised to ensure that 100% payment is made for the food grains supplied by FCI.

As per FCI statement the pendency is Rs. 1850 lakhs for the FY 2019-20 and 8 lakhs for 2018-19 as per March 2020 statement of FCI. State Govt. needs to clear the pending bills and also reconcile the data with FCI.

2.3 COOKING COST (PRIMARY + UPPER PRIMARY)

2.3.1 Level of Opening balance as on 01.04.19: (Refer Table 4.1.1 of the Analysis Sheet)

The State had reported Rs 1523.87 lakh (3%) as opening balance at the beginning of the financial year 2019-20.

2.3.2 Level of closing balance as on 31.12.19 : (Refer Table 4.1.2 of the Analysis Sheet)

The State had closing balance of Rs.3194.91 lakh (7% of allocation) towards cooking cost as on 31.12.19.

2.3.3 Utilization of Cooking cost: (Refer Table 4.5 of the Analysis Sheet)

The districts should have utilized 66% of the allocation of cooking cost. State level utilization is 53%. At the district level the utilization ranges between 51% to 58%.

2.4 Reconciliation of utilization and performance during 2019-20 (1.4.19 to 31.12.19)

2.4.1 Mismatch, if any, in utilization of Food grains vis-à-vis cooking cost: (Refer Table - 5.1 of Analysis Sheet)

Sl. No.	State	% Utilization of foodgrains	% Utilization of Cooking cost	Mis-match in % points
1	Assam	63%	53%	10

Ideally the percentage utilization of food grains and cooking cost should match, however in this case there is mismatch of 10 point between utilization of food grains and cooking cost.

2.5 Cook-Cum-Helper (PRIMARY + UPPER PRIMARY):

PAB-MDM has approved 118998 cook-cum-helpers to be engaged during 2019-20 in the State, the State has engaged 118998 cook-cum-helpers. The State has utilized 60% of the allocated funds for payment of honorarium to cook cum helper. The State has proposed to engage 118998 Cook-Cum-Helpers for 2020-21.

2.6 Utilization of MME(Refer Table - 7.2 of Analysis Sheet)

Against the allocation of Rs. 1507.95 Lakh as Central Assistance towards MME funds, the State has utilized only Rs 648.21 Lakh (43%).

2.7 Utilization of Transportation Assistance(Refer Table - 8.2 of Analysis Sheet)

Against the allocation of Rs.1375.08 lakh as Central Assistance towards funds for Transportation Assistance the State has utilized Rs. 585.08 lakh (43%).

2.8 Construction of Kitchen-cum-stores (Reference Table -9.1.2 of Analysis Sheet)

Central assistance of Rs. 46885.36 Lakh has been released for construction of 56795 kitchen-cum-stores. As on 31.12.2019, construction has been completed for 51192 (90%) kitchen-cum-stores and construction work is in progress for 481 kitchen-cum-stores. The State of Assam has not started any construction work for kitchen-cum-stores in 5122 (9%) schools. State of Assam was sanctioned repair of 28968 kitchen-cum-stores with an outlay of Rs 2896.80 Lakh, which comprised of Rs 2607.12 lakh as central share and Rs 289.68 Lakh as State share. However, the State has not submitted the detailed proposal for the same resulting into non release of funds to the State Government. State was advised to surrender the funds for 5122 kitchen-cum-stores sanctioned in the year 2008-09 (sanctioned @Rs. 60,000 per unit) and submit the revised proposal as per plinth area norms and SoRs prevailing in the State by 31st August, 2019. However the State has neither surrendered the funds nor sent the revised proposal.

2.9 Procurement of Kitchen devices (Reference Table -9.2.2 of Analysis sheet)

Central assistance of Rs. 3113.35 lakh has been released towards procurement of 62267 units of kitchen devices during 2006-07 to 2019-20. The State of Assam has reported that all 62267 (100%) units of kitchen devices have been procured. Central Assistance of Rs. 569.70 lakh was further released during 2015-16 for the replacement of 11394 units of kitchen devices. Against

this, the State has procured all 11394 kitchen devices. The State of Assam was also sanctioned 20 new kitchen devices with an outlay of Rs 4.70 Lakh, which comprises of Rs 4.23 lakh as central share and Rs 0.47 Lakh as State share. However, the State has

not submitted the detailed proposal (comprising of list of schools including UDISE codes) for the same resulting into non release of funds to the State Government.

3. Data Entry Status on the MIS Web Portal

In order to ensure smooth functioning of MDMS, Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD has developed web based monitoring system i.e. Web based MIS in collaboration with NIC. In this web portal State/District/Block users have to make Annual and Monthly data entry. The Annual and monthly data entry status of the State as on December, 2019 is given below:-

3.1 Annual Data Entry:

The district wise annual data entry status is given below:-

S. No.	District	% Completed
1	Baksa	100
2	Barpeta	95
3	Bongaigaon	97
4	Cachar	95
5	Chirang	100
6	Darrang	100
7	Dhemaji	100
8	Dhubri	96
9	Dibrugarh	100
10	Dima Hasao	99
11	Goalpara	80
12	Golaghat	85
13	Hailakandi	100
14	Jorhat	100
15	Kamrup (M)	98
16	Kamrup (R)	100
17	Karbi Anglong	97
18	Karimganj	98
19	Kokrajhar	89
20	Lakhimpur	94
21	Morigaon	100
22	Nagaon	100
23	Nalbari	89
24	Sivasagar	100
25	Sonitpur	97
26	Tinsukia	93
27	Udalguri	100
28	Biswanath	99
29	Charaideo	100
30	Hojai	98
31	Majuli	100

32	South Salmara Mancachar	100
33	West Karbi Anglong	56
Total		97

3.2 Monthly Data Entry

S. No.	District	% Completed monthly data entry for the year 2019-20									
		Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average
1	Baksa	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2	Barpeta	80	78	78	78	77	77	77	77	75	77
3	Bongaigaon	74	68	67	66	65	64	56	50	46	62
4	Cachar	86	86	86	85	85	85	84	83	77	84
5	Chirang	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
6	Darrang	100	100	100	98	98	98	97	97	97	98
7	Dhemaji	99	99	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97
8	Dhubri	92	92	92	92	91	90	90	89	84	90
9	Dibrugarh	83	82	80	80	79	78	77	75	72	78
10	Dima Hasao	86	86	86	86	86	86	86	75	58	82
11	Goalpara	59	57	55	54	53	52	51	50	45	53
12	Golaghat	68	66	66	64	63	62	60	57	52	62
13	Hailakandi	83	82	81	81	81	59	59	58	58	71
14	Jorhat	89	88	85	83	79	74	69	60	56	76
15	Kamrup (M)	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97
16	Kamrup (R)	99	99	98	98	97	97	97	97	96	98
17	Karbi Anglong	93	93	93	93	90	90	90	89	89	91
18	Karimganj	92	92	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91
19	Kokrajhar	59	57	54	52	49	46	42	36	32	47
20	Lakhimpur	74	73	72	72	71	70	69	67	66	70
21	Morigaon	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
22	Nagaon	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	98	99
23	Nalbari	84	84	83	83	83	83	83	82	81	83
24	Sivasagar	98	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97
25	Sonitpur	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	89	95
26	Tinsukia	85	85	85	84	83	81	81	80	74	82
27	Udalguri	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
28	Biswanath	93	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	92
29	Charaideo	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98	98
30	Hojai	80	80	79	79	77	77	76	73	71	77
31	Majuli	82	82	82	82	82	81	80	78	75	80
32	South Salmara Mancachar	97	97	97	97	97	96	95	93	91	96
33	West Karbi Anglong	52	52	52	52	45	45	41	32	32	45
Total		87	86	86	85	84	83	82	81	78	84

84% of schools completed monthly data entry. State is advised to complete data entry for 100 % schools for all the months.

3.3 Comparison of Data from MIS and AWP&B

Assam State Data for AWPB 2020-21 (Data From Apr-19 to Dec-19)		
COMPONENT	MIS	AWP&B
Institutions	51657	53427
Working Days	150	149
Coverage of children	3262846	4027681
CCH engaged	109758	118998
CCH Hon. (Rs. in Lakhs)	6918.39	7137.10
Cooking Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	31374.73	23790.39
Food Grains (in MTs)	127012.28	66611.96

It is evident from the table above that mismatch is observed in coverage of children, utilization of cooking cost and foodgrains. State is advised to reconcile the figures accordingly.

3.4 Automated Monitoring System

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 53427 schools, daily data has been reported by 28807 schools (on an average April to December, 2019) i.e. 54% schools on Automated Monitoring System. In this regard, email alerts are being sent to all States/UTs on daily basis from NIC server.

4. Release of funds

All funds like Cooking Cost, Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers, Cost of food grains, Transportation cost, Hand washing soap and detergent powder, fund for MME is released to the concerned levels through RTGS/NEFT mode from State Nodal Office.

- Cooking cost is released to the SMC's bank accounts directly through RTGS from State Nodal Office.
- Monthly honorarium of Cook cum Helpers is released directly to their individual bank accounts through RTGS from State Nodal Office.
- Fund for cost of food grains (rice) and transportation cost is released directly to the bank accounts of District Nodal Office (DNO), MDM through RTGS from

State Nodal Office. District Nodal Office has been released the fund for cost of food grains (rice) and transportation cost to the FCI authority & GPSS through RTGS.

Mid-Day Meal Central/State Share	Date of release of funds in 2019-20		
	Ministry to State	Directorate implementing agency	to Implementing agency to schools
Central Assistance			
Adhoc Grant(25%)	03.05.2019	17.07.2019	01.08.2019
1 st Instalment	13.09.2019	14.10.2019	20.11.2019
2 nd Instalment	24.02.2020	20.03.2020	30.03.2020

5. Menu of MDM

Day	Item
Monday	Rice, Dal, Leafy Vegetables
Tuesday	Khisidi/ Soya, Leafy Vegetables
Wednesday	Rice, Egg Curry/ Local option/Leafy Vegetables
Thursday	Rice, Dal, Leafy Vegetables
Friday	Rice, Dal, Leafy Vegetables
Saturday	Khisidi/ Pulao/Local option/Leafy Vegetables

6. School Nutrition Gardens

Out of 53427 schools, 22154 schools in the State of Assam are having Nutrition Gardens and setting up of Kitchen Gardens is in progress in 11550 schools. Most of the Kitchen Gardens set up in 2018-19 were washed away in the devastating flood in Assam during July/19 and August/19. Considerable steps were taken to set up School Nutrition Garden in each & every school covered under Mid-Day Meal Scheme again. State has proposed to develop nutrition gardens in 19723 schools (@Rs. 5000 per school) at an estimated budget of Rs. 986.16 lakhs (Rs. 887.54 lakhs as central share and Rs. 98.62 lakhs as State share)

7. Supplementary Nutrition

The State informed that they are not providing additional items from their own resources in addition to the Mid Day Meal.

State has proposed to provide one banana for 27 days in year to 4052306 children i.e. all students proposed to be covered under MDM during FY 2020-21 with an estimated budget of Rs. 2188.25 lakhs (Rs. 1969 lakhs as central share and Rs. 218.82 lakhs as State share)

8. Community Participation (Tithi Bhojan etc.)

Sampriti Bhojan, a community participation programme, has been initiated under Mid-Day Meal Scheme by relying on the traditional practice of providing food to people on

special occasions such as festivals, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages, and days of national importance etc. in the state of Assam. Members of the community voluntarily provide nutritious and healthy food to the children as full meal or an additional food item in the form of sweets, namkeens, fruits or sprouts etc. on such special occasions/festivals. Sampriti Bhojan supplements or complements Mid-Day Meal.

In this regards, State Govt. had issued notification on 25thAugust/2015 vide No.PMA/MDM-Cell/09/2015/4 dtd. 25th August, 2015.

During 2019-20, hoardings on Sampriti Bhojan have been installed in two prominent places of all the districts to promote the concept and encourage people to come forward for providing food to children in the schools on special occasions such as festivals, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages, and days of national importance etc

9. Monitoring Mechanism

State Steering cum Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam monitors the implementation of the scheme at State level.

The District Administrations regularly holds District Development Committee meeting to discuss inter-alia implementation of Mid-Day Meal scheme in the district. However, District Level Monitoring Committees headed by the Deputy Commissioners and Block Level Monitoring Committees under Mid-Day Meal Scheme have already been constituted in all the districts of Assam during the months of Oct/19, Nov/19 and Dec/19 to oversee the effective implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme. Functions of the committees were also notified and the details are given hereunder-

The functions of these committees are to:-

1. Guide the various implementation agencies.
2. Monitor programme implementation, assess its impact and take corrective steps.
3. Take action on reports of independent monitoring/evaluation agencies.
4. Effect co-ordination and convergence among various departments, agencies (e.g. FCI) and schemes.
5. Mobilize community support and promoting public-private partnership (PPP).

These committees are also requested to perform some specific functions in addition-

1. Ensuring Food Safety, Health & Hygiene at school level under Mid-Day Meal Scheme.
2. Ensuring that contingency plan under MDMS at school, block and district level is in place for avoiding any untoward situation.
3. Ensuring 100% schools reporting in Automated Reporting & Monitoring System.
4. Reviewing the constructions works under MDMS e.g. Kitchen-cum-Stores.
5. Block Level Committees will submit their reports/minutes of the monthly meeting to the District Level Committee for taking necessary actions.
6. District Level Committee will review the minutes/reports of the meeting of Block Level Committees in addition to the normal functions of the committee.
7. District Level Monitoring Committee will review the school-wise allotment of food grains (rice) and lifting of the same from FCI and supply of the same to the schools along with payment of cost of food grains to the FCI.

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8. District Level and Block Level Monitoring Committees will review the status of implementation of any initiative as & when taken under MDMS and take corrective measures if necessary.
 9. District Level and Block Level Monitoring Committees will review the complaints/grievances under MDMS. District Level Committee will take appropriate actions against any complaint/grievance as per rule.

10. Social Audit

State has not conducted Social Audit in any of the 33 districts during 2019-20. The State is advised to conduct social audit during 2020-21.

11. Testing of meals

Meal provided by Akshaya Patra Foundation is tested in reputed laboratory. State will also take necessary steps to test cooked MDM in reputed laboratory to ascertain the quality of food. The Akshaya Patra Foundation, Guwahati (NGO) has an ISO certified kitchen and dispatch meals for testing purpose at NABL Lab, Kolkata & Public Health Lab, Assam at regular interval. 17 numbers of samples of meals collected from schools were tested at laboratory in 2019-20 and all the samples were found in compliance with norms. The State is advised to test the food samples from school based kitchens also.

12. Tasting of Meal

Hot cooked Mid-Day Meal is tasted by teachers / cook-cum-helper / SMC members/Mothers Group members on regular basis. The Schools authority has also been requested to maintain tasting register at school level. State has taken initiative to provide a Food Tasting Register to each and every school covered under MDM Scheme in 2019-20 financial year where HT/HM is to keep records of tasting of food before serving of the same to the children.

13. Centralized Kitchens and involvement of NGOs

Centralized kitchen have been engaged for supplying meal to 39249 children, covering 546 Schools in 2 districts.

14. Cooking Competition

No cooking competitions have been organized in 2019-20. State is advised to organize cooking competitions at various levels i.e. Block level, District level and State level. The expenditure for these activities may be met from MME component.

15. Capacity Building

In 2018-19 training programme on different aspects of Mid-Day Meal Scheme and maintenance of food safety, health & hygiene at school level kitchen was imparted to all the Cook-cum-Helpers along with the Heads of the Institutions and SMC Presidents. Cluster Resource Centre Co-ordinators under SSA were imparted training in District level training programme for Resource Persons in all districts and then, Cluster Resource Centre Co-ordinators imparted the same training to all the Head of

the Institutions, SMC Presidents and Cook-cum-Helpers of their respective clusters in Cluster Level Training.

Module used for training to Cook-cum-Helpers:

- Nutritional Aspect.
- Cooking and preparing different items having good nutritious value by using easily available cooking ingredients.
- Methods of cooking different items. As for example, cutting leafy vegetables after washing, but not washing leafy vegetables after cutting.
- Format of Advance Monthly Action Plan.
- Maintenance of Food Safety, Health & Hygiene at School Level Kitchen.
- Contaminated health related awareness.
- Process of making Cold Storage Facility at school level for preserving vegetables fresh.
- Hand washing activities by children before & after taking MDM.
- Tasting of cooked MDM by teacher, SMC member, Mothers Group member & Cook-cum-Helpers 30 minutes before serving the same to the students & keeping record in Food Tasting Register.
- MDMS Rules & guidelines.
- NFSA, 2015.

16. Contingency Plan to avoid any untoward incident

The District Nodal Officers, MDMS cum Deputy Commissioners/Principal Secretaries (Autonomous Council) have been instructed by the State Govt to ensure having of a contingency plan at School, Block, Sub-Division and at the District Level to face any sort of incident that may possibly occur in connection with MDM scheme. The contact numbers of the important functionaries are to be displayed in visible place preferably Wall in the schools to use at urgent/emergency moment. All schools including offices have maintained above instruction.

i. Contingency Plan for district :

The important phone numbers of Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, District Civil Hospital, Ambulance service, DEEO, DMC are reflected on the wall of DEEO/ DMC office and Inspector of Schools office and the phone Number of Head teacher of all schools are reflected in a diary.

ii. Contingency Plan for Block :

The important phone numbers of Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, District Civil Hospital, Ambulance service, DEEO, DMC, BEEO, BMC, Public Health Centre are reflected on the wall of BEEO/ BMC office and the phone Number of Head teacher of all schools are reflected in a diary.

iii. Contingency Plan for Schools :

- The important phone numbers of Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, District Civil Hospital, Ambulance service, DEEO, DMC, BEEO, BMC, Public Health Centre, Headmaster of the school, SMC President are reflected on the wall of the School.

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- Schools should keep First-Aid-Box with adequate medicines, bandage, detol, cotton, sand etc.

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PART-C: State Govt.'s Proposals and Recommendations of appraisal team for 2020-21

S. No.	Component	PAB Approval 2019-20	Proposal for 2020-21	Recommendations by appraisal team
1	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	43327	40318	40318
1.2	Upper Primary	13774	13695	13681
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	2717608	2716040	2716040
2.2	Upper Primary	1331885	1331872	1330760
2.3	NCLP	1844	4394	4394
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	210	235	235
3.2	Upper Primary	220	235	235
3.3	NCLP	312	312	312
4	Cook cum Helper			
4.1	Primary	118998	118998	118998
4.2	Upper Primary			
5	Drought			
5.1	Children (Pry)	-	-	-
5.2	Children (U Pry)	-	-	-
5.3	Working days	-	-	-
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	-	-	-
6	Non Recurring			
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	Nil	-	-
6.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	28968	-	-
6.3	Kitchen Devices (New)	20	-	-
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil	-	-
7	Central Assistance (Rs in Lakh)			
7.1	Regular	56111.99	66900.23	66880.50
7.2	Drought	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.3	Kitchen cum Store	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.4	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	2607.12		
7.5	Kitchen Devices (new)	4.23		
7.6	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	-	-	-
7.7	Grand Total (total of 7.1 to 7.6)	58723.34	66900.23	66880.50

Summer Vacations

S. No.	Component	PAB Approval 2019-20	Proposal for 2020-21	Recommendations by appraisal team
1	Children (Primary)	-	2815458	2815458
2	Children (Upper Primary)	-	1503465	1503465
3	Working Days (Primary)	-	27	27
4	Working Days (Upper Primary)	-	27	27
Central Assistance (Summer Vacations (Rs. In Lakh)		-	6714.62	6714.62

Total Central Assistance (Regular + Summer Vacations)

Rs. In Lakh

S. No.	Component	PAB Approval 2019-20	Proposal for 2020-21	Recommendations by appraisal team
I)	Central Assistance (Summer Vacations)	-	6714.62	6714.62
II)	Central Assistance (Regular)	58723.34	66900.23	66880.50
Total Central Assistance (Regular + Summer vacations)		58723.34	73614.85	73595.12

State: Assam

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)	2716040	235	63826.94	-	63826.94
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	1330760	235	46909.29	-	46909.29
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	4394	312	205.63	-	205.63
4	Drought					
4.1	Primary	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.2	Upper Primary	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL		4051194		110941.87		110941.87

B. Cost of Food-grains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance, Honorarium to Cook-Cum-Helpers and Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME)

Sl.No	Component/Norms	Amount admissible (Rs. In lakh)
Recurring		
Primary		
1	Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 63826.94 MT rice	1914.81
2	Cooking Cost @4.97 per day per child for 2716040 children for 235 days	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs.4.47 per child/day	28530.64
2.2	Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs. 0.50 per child/day	3191.35
3	Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain (2716040 x 235 days x 0.0001 MT x Rs.1360)	868.05
4	Honorarium for Cook cum Helpers (Primary and Upper Primary)	
4.1	Central Share-(118998 x Rs.900 x 10 months)	10709.82
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share-(118998 x Rs.100 x 10 months)	1189.98
5	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 % of the	
	i) Cost of food grains	1134.63
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	
	iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	
Total Central Share for Primary		43157.95

Upper Primary		
6	Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 46909.29 MT rice	1407.28
7	Cooking Cost @7.45 per day per child for 1330760 children for 235 days	
7.1	Central Share @ Rs.6.70 per child/day	20952.82
7.2	Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.75 per child/day	2345.46
8	<u>Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain</u>	
	(1330760 x 235 days x 0.00015 MT x Rs.1360)	637.97
9	Honorarium for Cook cum Helpers(Included in Primary)	
10	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 % of the	
	i) Cost of food grains	
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	
	iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	620.95
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		23619.01
NCLP		
11	Cost of foodgrains @Rs.3000/- per MT for 205.63 MT rice	6.17
12	Cooking Cost @Rs.7.45 per day per child for 4394 children for 312 days	
12.1	Central Share @ Rs.6.70 per child/day	91.85
12.2	Minimum mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.75 per child/day	10.28
13	<u>Transportation Cost @Rs.1360 per MT food grain</u>	
	(4394x 312 days x 0.00015 MT x Rs.1360)	2.80
14	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7 % of the	
	i) Cost of food grains	
	ii) Cooking Cost	
	iii) Cost of Transportation Cost	2.72
Total Central Share for NCLP		103.54
Total of Central Share (Primary+Upper Primary+NCLP)		66880.50

C. Drought: Nil

D. Non-recurring

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-store	Nil

2	Repair of kitchen-cum-store	Nil
3	Kitchen Devices (New)	Nil
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	Nil
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		Nil

E. Requirement of Funds for Provision of MDM during summer vacations in 2020-21

Stage	Number of Children	Number of Days	Cost of Food Grains (Rs. In lakhs)	Cooking Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)		Transportation Assistance (Rs. in Lakhs)	Grand Total (Rs. In lakh)	
				Centre Share	State Share		Centre Share	State share
Primary	2815458	27	228.05	3397.98	380.09	103.38	3729.41	380.09
Upper Primary	1503465	27	182.67	2719.77	304.45	82.81	2985.25	304.45
Total	4318923	27	410.72	6117.74	684.54	186.19	6714.66	684.54

F. Total Requirement of Funds for 2020-21

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	66880.50	6737.07
	Drought	Nil	Nil
Non- recurring		Nil	Nil
Total (A)		66880.50	6737.07
Summer Vacations (B)		6714.66	684.54
Grand Total (A+B)		73595.16	7421.61

G. Flexi funds for new interventions:

Component	Physical	Financial (Rs. In lakh)		
		Central Assistance	Min. Mandatory State Share	Total
Development of School Nutrition Gardens (SNG) @5000	SNG to be developed in 19723 schools	887.54	98.62	986.16
Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions	One banana for 27 days in year for 4051194 children UPry (i.e. all students proposed to be covered under MDM during FY 2020-21)	1968.88	218.76	2187.64
Total		2856.42	317.38	3173.80

