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Dept. of School Education and Literacy
Mid-Day Meal Division

PAB-MDM meeting
to consider and approve AWP&B 2020-21

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APPRAISAL NOTE

STATE: MEGHALAYA

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a. 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	Yes
100% payment of cost of food grains made to FCI	Yes
100% payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers through e-transfer to their bank accounts.	No 3922 CCH are paid in cash
Annual and Monthly data entry for the FY 2019-20 completed.	No
Automated Monitoring system operationalized for 100% schools	No
Emergency Medical Plan is in place	Yes
Action taken note on commitments given by the State Govt. during PAB Meeting of 2019-20	Yes
Separate and detailed MME plan	Yes
Action taken on complaints	NIL complaints

b. Main Issues from appraisal:

- i. 3922 Cook-cum-Helpers are not getting honorarium through bank account. (They are Paid in Cash).
- ii. 14 days in Pry & 16 days in Upper Primary were not covered.
- iii. Testing of meals is not being done in the State.
- iv. 100% data entries in Annual(92%) & Monthly (58%) MIS not done.
- v. The Utilization of MME funds is low i.e.47% only.
- vi. 10% schools are reporting on AMS on daily basis on an average. 10041 schools out of 11122 schools on AMS board are not reporting.
- vii. More children needs to be covered for IFA distribution (19% only)

c. Best Practices:

- i. Corpus Fund of Rs. 10 crores is pre-positioned at the beginning of the year by the State Finance Department for smooth functioning of MDM Scheme.
- ii. Best Practice Award has been initiated for schools for maintaing Nutritional Garden, serving meals in lunch boxes, hand washing facility etc..
- iii. In Meghalaya Mid Day Meal Scheme is publicized through All India Radio Shillong, Tura and Jowai and in AIR FM Jongphi @ 103.6 Mhz in Local language.

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- iv. Local Chefs Competition was organized with the objective of enhancing the Nutritional Diversity for supplementing the Mid Day Meals of primary school children using local resources. In this programme, MDM cooks, cooks from ICDS and youths took part in the competition and produced a total of 37 dishes.

d. Social Audit : Areas of Concern. Highlighted during Public Hearing Meeting

Social Audit was conducted in Ri-Bhoi and West Jaintia Hill districts

- i. Most of the schools informed that meals are either provided once a week / in some twice a week and in some thrice a week in both the districts.
- ii. In West Jaintia in Kihlang UPS SSA School ,meals were last provided till 2014. After 2014 no MDM has been Served.
- iii. The Cook of the same school informed that she has received Rs. 10,000 as honorarium for 2 years only.
- iv. In West Jaintia Hills in Khliehumbuit LPS school from April up to Dec 2018, MDM was not given to students due to shortage of rice and cooking cost.
- v. No MDM Monitoring Committee in all 43 schools in Ri-bhoi as well as in West Jaintia Hills.
- vi. In all 43 schools in Ri-Bhoi, & in 2 to 3 schools in West Jaintia MDM attendance register, MDM menu register, Food Tasting Register etc was not maintained.
- vii. Supply of food grains is not regular in 28 schools in Ri-Bhoi
- viii. There are 22 schools who have to pay for Transportation of Food Grain from the school fund as the Dealer is not delivering the food grains up to the door steps of the schools in Ri-Bhoi district.

Part-A : General Information

Introduction:

Mid Day Meal Scheme was implemented in the State of Meghalaya for almost 15 years, initially, dry ration was provided to LP schools only. Later on, Upper Primary schools were also included in the Scheme. As per direction of the Supreme Court, cooked meal was to be provided to all Government and Government Aided LP and UP schools. From 2004-05 onwards, cooked meal was served to all the children in Government and Government Aided LP and UP schools in all school working days.

The main objectives of Mid Day Meal Scheme is to boost universalization of elementary education by attracting children to come to school, increase enrolment, attendance, retention and also bring down drop-out rates. It will also improve the nutritional status of children and encourages poor children to attend school regularly and reduce classroom hunger.

The cost of conversion of food grain into hot cooked meal is met jointly by the Centre and State Government as per norms. Food grain is provided free of cost through Food Corporation of India (FCI) by Government of India and the transportation charges is met by Government of India as per PDS Rate of the State. Cooked Mid Day Meal containing 480 calories and 13 grams of proteins per child per day for a minimum of 200 days in a year for Lower Primary Schools and 700 calories and 20 grams of proteins per child per day for 220 days for Upper Primary Schools.

1. Basic Information:

(Year 2019-20)

S. No.	INDICATORS	STATUS		
		PRY	U PRY	TOTAL
1. No. of Institutions				
i)	Existing Institutions	8376	3427	11803
ii)	Covered during the year	8264	3414	11678 (99%)
2. No. of Children				
i)	Approved by MDM-PAB	385399	148353	533752
ii)	Enrollment as on 30.9.2019	415093	177232	592325
ii)	Average No. of children availed MDM during 2019-20 vis-à-vis Enrollment	384816 (93%)	148714 (84%)	533530 (90%)
3. Coverage of children as per Quarterly Progress Report (QPR)				
i)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-1	384096 (98%)	148864 (84%)	532960 (94%)
ii)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-2	384950 (98%)	148635 (84%)	533585 (94%)
iii)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-3	385403 (98%)	148643 (84%)	534046 (94%)
4. No. of Working Days				
i)	Approved for 2019-20	165	169	upto 3 rd QTR 2019-20
ii)	Covered during 2019-20	141	153	upto 3 rd QTR 2019-20
5. Per unit cooking cost Per child per day (in Rs.)				
AVERAGE UNIT COOKING COST PCPD		4.03	6.04	
State's Minimum mandatory contribution in cooking cost per child per day		0.45	0.67	
State's Additional Contribution		0.00	0.00	
Total cooking cost PCPD		4.48	6.71	

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	= 8376
Number of institutions covered during 2019-20	=8264 (99%)

ii) UPPER PRIMARY & UPPER PRIMARY WITH PRIMARY

The number of existing institutions	= 3427
Number of institutions covered during 2019-20	= 3414 (100%)

As per the AWP&B 2020-21, it has come to notice that 125 schools could not be covered during 2019-20 till 3rd QTR. The approval was for 11803 schools and the coverage was 11678. It is requested to State Government to kindly look into the issue of non coverage of 125 schools under Mid day Meal Scheme.

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 2.3.1 of the Analysis Sheet).

Total Enrolment as on 30.09.2019	= 415093
Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20	= 384816 (93%)

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 2.3.2 of the Analysis Sheet).

Total Enrolment as on 30.09.2019 = **177232**

Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20 =148714 (84%)

It is appreciated that 90% at State level of the enrolled children are covered under the scheme. It is requested that all children may be covered under the scheme.

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 2.2.1 of the Analysis Sheet).

The number of children approved by MDM PAB for 2019-20 = 385399

Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20 = 384816 (100%)

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 2.2.2 of the Analysis Sheet).

The number of children approved by MDM PAB for 2019-20 =148353

Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20 = 148714 (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

The number of meals to be served during 2019-20	= 84808502
The number of meals served during 2019-20	= 77034267 (91%)

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 MTs 368.89 (3%) of food-grains as opening balance against the total allocation of MTs for 12603.63 MTs 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 756.73 MTs (6%) against the total allocation of 12603.63 MTs.

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

The districts should have availability of at least 85% of the food grains allocation. State level availability as on 31.12.19 was 82% 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 76% of the allocated food grains upto December 2019.

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

The FCI has submitted bills for Rs. 300.18 during 1.4.2019 to 31.12.2019 towards cost of food grains. The State has made payment for Rs. 300.18 (100%) to the FCI. It is appreciated.

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. 18.78 (0%) as opening balance at the beginning of the financial year 2019-20. In all the districts it is noticed there is NIL opening Balance. It is requested to look in the issue.

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. 1566.29 (28% 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 75% of the allocation of cooking cost. State level utilization is 72%. In all the districts, the utilization is 72% . During December 2019, Schools were closed due to CAA and NPR agitation in North East.

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)

Observations – There is 4 point mis match between Utilization of food grains (76%) and Utilization of cooking cost (72%).

Sr. No.	District	% utilisation of foodgrains	% utilisation of Cooking cost	Mis-match in % points
1	East Khasi Hills	76%	72%	-4
2	Ri Bhoi	75%	72%	-4
3	West Khasi Hills	77%	73%	-4
4	South West Khasi	77%	72%	-5

	Hills			
5	West Jaintia Hills	76%	72%	-4
6	East Jaintia Hills	77%	72%	-5
7	East Garo Hills	75%	72%	-3
8	North Garo Hills	77%	73%	-4
9	West Garo Hills	76%	72%	-5
10	South West Garo Hills	77%	72%	-5
11	South Garo Hills	77%	72%	-5
Total		76%	72%	-4

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

PAB-MDM has approved cook 18547 -cum-helpers to be engaged in 2019-20. The State has engaged 18400 Cook-cum-helpers. **The State is requested to engage the remaining cook-cum-helpers as approved.** The State has utilized 59% of the allocated funds for payment of honorarium to cook cum helper. The State has proposed to engage 18547 Cook-Cum-Helpers for 2020-21.

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

Against the allocation of Rs. 198.45 Lakh as Central Assistance towards MME funds, the State has utilized only Rs 94.19 Lakh (47%). The utilization is considered to be very low upto 3rd QTR of 2019-20. At least 75% of MME funds must have been used.

The State is requested to utilize MME funds for better monitoring of the scheme.

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

Against the allocation of Rs. 236.13 lakh as Central Assistance towards funds for Transportation Assistance to the State. The State has utilized Rs. 141.68 lakh (60%).

The State is requested to make payment of all the pending bills pending for transportation of food grains.

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

Central assistance of Rs. 15346.67 Lakh has been released for construction of 9758 Kitchen-cum-Stores from 2006-07 to 2019-20. As on 31.12.2019, construction has been completed for sanctioned 9491 Kitchen-cum-stores. 267 Kitchen-cum-Stores are still in progress for which Rs. 669.59 Lakh Central Share was released on 27th March 2019. PAB-MDM 2019-20, approved 3390 kitchen-cum-stores for repair with the release of Rs. 305.10 Lakh on 19th March 2020 to the State of Meghalaya. It is appreciated that 97% sanctioned Kitchen-cum-stores have been constructed in the State. The State is also requested to complete the remaining 267 kitchen stores and also complete the repair works for 3390 for which Central Assistance has been released.

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

Central assistance of Rs. 614.53 lakh has been released towards procurement of 12173 units of kitchen device during 2006-07 to 2019-20. State has reported that all 12089 Kitchen Devices have been procured. In 2019-20 PAB-MDM approved procurement of new 84 kitchen Devices with the Central Share of Rs. 10.08 Lakh has been released on 26th December 2019 for new Kitchen Devices. **State of Govt of Meghalaya is requested to procure 84 kitchen Devices for which the central assistance has been released in the current financial year.**

2.10 Procurement of Replacement of Kitchen devices (Reference Table -9.2.3 of Analysis sheet)

Central assistance of Rs. 552.12 lakh has been released towards replacement of 10612 units of kitchen device. The State has reported that 10074 units of kitchen devices have been procured. In 2019-20 PAB-MDM approved replacement of 538 kitchen Devices for which Central Assistance has also been released on 26th December 2019 . **State of Govt of Meghalaya is requested to procure all 538 kitchen Devices for which the Central Assistance has been released in the current financial year.**

3. Data Entry Status on the MIS Web Portal

In order to smooth function of MDMS, Ministry of HRD, MDM Division 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 into the web portal

through online. The State should monitor data entry activities to be made timely manner by District / Block users into the portal. The Annual and monthly data entry status as on December, 2019 of the State is given below:-

3.1 Annual Data Entry:

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

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School Annual Data Entry Status Report For Financial Year : 2019 - 2020						
State : MEGHALAYA						
S. No.	District	Total Institutions	Total Schools on Portal	Completed Schools	Completed Percentage	Pending Schools
1	EAST GARO HILLS	1985	609	609	[100 %]	
2	EAST JAINTIA HILLS	936	539	539	[100 %]	
3	EAST KHASI HILLS	1396	1879	1785	[95 %]	94
4	NORTH GARO HILLS	816	670	670	[100 %]	
5	RI BHOI	975	908	904	[99.56 %]	4
6	SOUTH GARO HILLS	569	938	938	[100 %]	
7	SOUTH WEST GARO HILLS	622	642	642	[100 %]	
8	SOUTH WEST KHASI HILLS	811	645	645	[100 %]	
9	WEST GARO HILLS	1885	1692	1692	[100 %]	
10	WEST JAINTIA HILLS	707	875	322	[36.8 %]	553
11	WEST KHASI HILLS	976	1314	1117	[85.01 %]	197
	Total	11678	10711	9863	[92.08 %]	848

In the State of Meghalaya the total existing schools are 11803. In Annual MIS, the total institutions shown are 11678. Against 11678, the data entry of 10711 schools have only entered annual data i. 92%. Especially the district of West Jaintia hills 553 schools have

not entered annual data. It is an area of concern. State is requested to look into the issue. MIS is an important tool of Monitoring the scheme. State is requested to take action in this regard and make efforts to bring all 11803 existing schools on board.

3.2 Monthly Data Entry

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School Monthly Data Entry Status Report For Financial Year : 2019 - 2020												
State : MEGHALAYA												
S. N o.	District	Total Schools	Freeze Schools	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1	EAST GARO HILLS	609	609	609	609	609	609	609	609	609	609	609
2	EAST JAINTIA HILLS	539	539	539	539	539	539	539	539	539	539	539
3	EAST KHASI HILLS	1879	1785	425	419	409	399	390	380	367	263	220
4	NORTH GARO HILLS	670	670	670	670	670	588	316	258	258	258	108
5	RI BHOI	908	904	41	39	38	37	8	7	7	7	7
6	SOUTH GARO HILLS	938	938	337	337	337	337	337	337	337	337	337
7	SOUTH WEST GARO HILLS	642	642	151	151	151	151	151	146	141	141	141
8	SOUTH WEST KHASI HILLS	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645	645
9	WEST GARO HILLS	1692	1692	1321	1321	1321	1321	1321	1312	1312	1292	1292
10	WEST JAINTIA HILLS	875	322	184	178	178	178	178	178	178	178	178

10% schools are covered under AMS upto 3rd Quarter of 2019-20. On an average **1081** schools are being covered on AMS portal on daily basis. The total existing schools in the State are 11803. In the AMS the total schools on board are **11122**. **Of the total schools on board**, 10041 are not reporting on daily basis on an average. It is suggested to State officials to make efforts to bring all 11803 schools on AMS portal.

3.5 Direct to Beneficiary (DBT)

State of Meghalaya has furnished their DBT Monthly data entry upto MARCH 2020 for the year 2019-20. As per MHRD, Govt of India Instructions, State/UT has to furnish their DBT-Monthly data entry by 10th of every month of the previous month. State Govt is advised to ensure to furnish the DBT-Monthly data on time.

State	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Meghalaya	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	11

4. Release of funds

An amount of Rs. 7775.43 lakhs was approved by PAB for the year 2019-20. During the year 2019-20, Rs. 7835.83 lakhs was released by the Ministry as three instalments of recurring grant as well as non recurring grant to the State of Meghalaya. The increase in the approved budget was due to the increase in the cooking cost with effect from April 2019. The Non recurring grants have been released to the State in the Month of March 2020. Fund for Mid Day Meal Scheme is sanctioned and released by the MHRD, Govt. of India to the State through the Finance Department for Central Share. The Finance Department releases the Central Share including State Share to the Education Department and from the Education Department to the Directorate of School Education & Literacy. Once funds for Mid Day Meal are received in the Directorate, it is released to the schools / districts by E-transfer. For cooking cost fund is released to the schools bank account directly from the State, for cost of Transportation Assistance to the Dy. Commissioners' Bank account, for Cost of foodgrain to FCI Bank Account and Honorarium to cook-cum-helpers to their personal Bank Accounts of cook-cum-helper. There is not delay in releasing of funds to the various levels. In order to avoid interruption

of Mid Day Meal Scheme, a Corpus Fund of Rs. 10 crores is being provided by Finance Department and also to avoid delays in releasing of funds to the district/sub-division. The State has taken the initiatives for pre-positioning of funds at the beginning of the year through a Corpus Fund provided by the Finance Department.

5. Menu of MDM

Days	Menu	Other option
Monday	Khichidi (Rice+dal+nutrela/any local and seasonal vegetable) Local and seasonal fruit	Khichidi (Rice+bengal gram) Pickle (Gooseberry/mango or any other pickle made out of local and seasonal fruit)
Tuesday	Rice Dal Fried mixed vegetable (Potato+any local and seasonal green leafy vegetable like mustard leaves/radish leaves/spinach/any other)	Rice Dal Fried mixed vegetable (Potato+any type of beans/ plantain flower/ladies finger/any local and seasonal vegetable)
Wednesday	Rice Egg curry (Cauliflower/squash/other gourds/any local and seasonal vegetable+ tomato + boiled egg)	Rice Dal (Cooked along with vegetables like carrot/squash/other gourds/green papaya/cabbage or any local and seasonal vegetable) Boiled egg
Thursday	Rice Vegetable curry (Potato+tomato+kabuli/bengal gram/peas) Local and seasonal fruit	Rice Dal (Cooked along with any local and seasonal green leafy vegetables like radish leaves/mustard leaves/spinach/any other) Papad (Roasted)
Friday	Rice Dal Fried mixed vegetable (Nutrela+pumpkin/tomato/any other local and seasonal vegetable)	

Some schools especially in rural areas use local vegetables like pumpkin, squash, yam, gourd, green papaya, mustard leaves, etc. All schools are instructed to use Double Fortified Salt for cooking of mid day meals. Reports have been received from the Deputy Commissioner (Supply) South Garo Hills and West Garo Hills that Double Fortified Salt and Fortified Edible Oil are unavailable in these Districts. Reports awaited from other Districts also.

6. School Nutrition Gardens

Instructions were issued to all schools availing mid day meal to practice kitchen gardens if space is available. Many schools have started practicing kitchen gardening in the school premises. Students and teachers take part in planting different vegetables which can be later used for cooking Mid Day Meal. Vegetables grown are lettuce, cabbage, carrot, beats, Squash, pumpkin, etc. As of now, total 44 schools have already developed Kitchen Gardens in school premises and 16 schools still developing kitchen garden (total 56) throughout State out of 11803 existing schools.

7. Supplementary Nutrition

Additional food items like locally available seasonal fruits like oranges, guava, pine apples, bananas etc. are provided by the community.

8. Community Participation (Tithi Bhojan etc.)

The State has not taken up the practice of Tithi Bhojan. In some of the districts in rural areas, parents and community contribute vegetables, fruits, firewood etc. for cooking of meals for the school children and the children are enjoying the mid day meal together.

9. Monitoring Mechanism

Steering cum Monitoring Committee (SMCs) has been constituted at State, District & Block levels to monitor and supervise implementation of the MDM Programme and to take corrective measures as and when required. The State level Monitoring committee meeting held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya . Monitoring of the Mid Day Meal scheme is being done by the officers / inspecting staff at the State, District/Block Level and SSA functionaries and officers from other departments. At the District level, meeting is held once a month for monitoring the scheme. For proper implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme, instructions have been issued to all the district officers to inspect at least 10 schools per month to see that cooked meal is being served to the school children regularly. The MIS State Co-ordinator at the State level and District MIS Co-ordinator at the District level does the monitoring and details of the data are entered into the MIS Web Portal.

Social Audit has also been conducted in two districts viz, Ri-Bhoi and West Jantai hills so that community may also monitor the scheme.

10. Social Audit

During the financial year 2019-20, Social audit was conducted in two districts namely Ri Bhoi District in 650 schools and West Jaintia Hills District 912 schools. So far only minutes of the Social Audit Public Hearing held on 21st August 2019 in Jirang block, Ri Bhoi District and on 23rd August 2019 in Laskein block, West jaintia Hills District have been received from the Social Audit Agency and necessary actions have been taken vide letter No. DSEL/ABP/MDM/60/2017/306 dated 5th March 2020. Action will be taken for other schools once reports are received.

Impact of social audit in the schools : Based on the findings of the Social Audit Public Hearing many positive feedbacks have been received. All beneficiaries became aware of the benefits of the scheme and also all stake holders have started to understand their responsibility towards the scheme.

Proposal has been put forward to conduct Social Audit in two low performing districts namely South West Khasi Hills and South Garo Hills for the year 2020-2021.

11. Testing of meals

The State has identified Pasteur Institute, Shillong for Testing of food samples. But till date testing of food samples could not be taken up by the Institute due to the renovation/upgradation work of Chemical Section of the Laboratory and High End Equipments have to be installed. A request has also been sent to the Joint Commissioner of Food Safety, Meghalaya, Shillong vide letter No. DSEL/ABP/MDM/72/2013/Pt/170, Dated 03.02.2020 to inform this office whether the installation of High End Equipments is completed or not so that further necessary action may be taken from this end regarding testing of cooked Mid Day Meal samples. Reply is awaited.

12. Tasting of Meal

. Instructions were issued to all the schools where cooked meal is being served to see that 1 or 2 teachers taste the food before serving to the school children. Whenever community members visit the schools at the time of serving of mid day meal to the school children, they taste the food served to the school children. All the schools have a tasting register to record the observations. Every efforts are being taken up to see that 1 or 2 parents preferably present in the school in all school working days to see and taste the food served to the school.

13. Centralized Kitchens and involvement of NGOs

There is no centralized kitchen available in the State at present. Engagement of NGOs/Trusts/Temples/Gurudwara/Jails for serving of MDM have not been taken up by the State.

14. Cooking Competition

Due to fund constraint, cooking competition could not be organized at different levels in the State. However, Local Chefs Competition was organised: The North East Slow Food and Agrobiodiversity Society (NESFAS) organized a programme known as “Local Chefs Competition” with the objective of enhancing the Nutritional Diversity as a mean of supplementing the Mid Day Meals of primary school children using local resources. MDM Cooks and cooks of ICDS department participated in it. Around 37 dishes were prepared.

15. Capacity Building

Training programmes on ARMS, NFSA, 2013 and awareness of the scheme were conducted during the year 2019-20 by the officers from the State Level and also from the district level. State has trained 4500 cooks during the current year and 110 Master Trainers also.

16. Contingency Plan to avoid any untoward incident

The State Government has prepared a Contingency Plan which includes all necessary instructions to avoid any untoward incidents while serving meals such as food poisoning safety measures, clean and portable water, waste disposals, kitchen sheds and storage safety, fire accident safety, personal hygiene of CCHs, emergency contact numbers, etc. has been circulated to all the schools.

17. Grievance Redressal Mechanism;

A Grievance Redressal Cell have been set up in all Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) with a toll free telephone number with a Nodal Officer in position for receiving complaints and feed-backs concerning Mid Day Meal Scheme.

18. Any other issues and Suggestions.

The main issues of the Mid Day Meal scheme are low honorarium to cook-cum-helper i.e., Rs. 1000/- per month for 10 months in a year. Due to this low honorarium of cook cum helpers, most of the cooks leave the job for a better job. Therefore it is suggested that enhancement of

honorarium to cook cum helpers is a must so as to retain the cooks in the schools. Another issue is that most of the schools in rural areas drinking water facilities is not available.

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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	State's Proposal for 2020-21	Recommendations by appraisal team
1	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	8379	8376	8376
1.2	Upper Primary	3424	3427	3427
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	385399	415093	385403
2.2	Upper Primary	148353	177232	148864
2.3	NCLP	0	0	0
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	200	200	200
3.2	Upper Primary	220	220	220
3.3	NCLP			
4	Cook cum Helper			
4.1	Primary	13766	13455	13455
4.2	Upper Primary	4781	5092	5092
5	Drought			
5.1	Children (Pry)	0	0	0
5.2	Children (U Pry)	0	0	0
5.3	Working days	0	0	0
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	0	0	0
6	Non Recurring			
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0	0	0
6.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores (for FY 2009-10)	3390	0	0
6.3	Kitchen Devices (New)	84	19	19
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement for FY 2014-15)	538	615	615

7	Central Assistance (Rs in Lakh)			
7.1	Regular	7472.23	8924.82	8145.32
7.2	Drought	0	0	0
7.3	Kitchen cum Store	0	0	0
7.4	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	305.10	0	0
7.5	Kitchen Devices (new)	10.08	2.02	2.02
7.6	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	48.42	67.10	67.10
7.7	Grand Total (total of 7.1 to 7.6)	7835.83	8993.94	8214.44

**Requirement of Funds and Food Grains for Provision of MDM during summer vacations
in 2020-21**

Stage	Number of Children	Number of Days	Food Grains (in MTs)	Cooking Cost (in Lakhs) (Centre Share)	Transportation Assistance (in Lakhs)
Primary	NO SUMMER VACATIONS IN MEGHALAYA (intimated through letter dated 14th May 2020)				
Upper Primary					
Total					
Grand Total				Rs. Lakh	



Appendix-1

State: MEGHALAYA

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)	385403	200	7708.06	0	7708.06
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	148864	220	4912.51	0	4912.51
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	0		0	0	0
4	Drought					
4.1	Primary	0		0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0		0	0	0
TOTAL		534267		12620.57		12620.57

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	231.24
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97/- per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 4.47 per child per day	3445.50
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 0.50/- per child per day	385.40
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1930/-Per MT food grains	148.77
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs. 900/- for 10 months for 13455)	1210.95
4.2	State Share - @ Rs. 100/- for 10 months for 13455)	134.55
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	135.98
Total Central Share for Primary		5172.44
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	147.38
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45/- per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 6.70/- per child per day	2194.26
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 0.75/- per child per day	245.63
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1930/-Per MT food grains	94.81
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 900/- for 10 months for 5092)	458.28
9.2	State Share - @ Rs 100/-for 10 months for 5092)	50.92
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost	78.16

	3) Cost of transportation and 4) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		2972.88
NCLP		NA
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 State 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 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost and 3) Cost of transportation	
Total Central Share for NCLP		
Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)		8145.32

C. Drought :

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		NA
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 State 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	State 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 State 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	State Share - @ Rs. for... months)	
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost 3) Cost of transportation and 4) 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 (19- New)	2.02
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement-615)	67.10
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		69.12

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2020-21

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share (90:10)	Minimum Mandatory State Share (90:10)
Recurring	Normal	8145.32	816.50
	Drought	0	0
Non-recurring		69.12	7.68
Grand Total		8214.44	824.18

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Primary	NO SUMMER VACATIONS IN MEGHALAYA (intimated through letter dated 14th May 2020)				
Upper Primary					
Total					
Grand Total				Rs. Lakh	
