

**NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF MIDDAY MEAL IN
SCHOOLS (MDMS)**

ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET 2020-2021

UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY

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1. Introduction:

1.1 Brief history

The Union Territory of Puducherry provides top-most priority to the Education Sector and 9% of the total budget provision is earmarked. Pondicherry is the only UT which has achieved almost 100% literacy. Having emerged as a destination for Higher Education in South India, the UT has the distinction of being adjudged as the best State in the country which promotes Education. Though, the UT is small in size, it has a strong network of 714 Schools under Government and Private Sector. There are 426 schools under the administrative control of the Directorate of School Education while 287 Schools of various categories are run by the Private Sector. The break-up of the Primary and Upper Primary under Midday Meal scheme are as shown below:

NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS

Sl. No	Regions	Primary			Upper primary			Upper primary with primary		
		Govt. Schools	GA	Total	Govt. Schools	GA	Total	Govt. Schools	GA	Total
1.	Puducherry	151	1	152	49	18	67	63	0	63
2.	Karaikal	60	1	61	27	5	32	12	0	12
3.	Mahe	8	0	8	3	0	3	4	0	4
4.	Yanam	15	0	15	2	1	3	6	0	6
Total		234	2	236	81	24	105	85	0	85
Grand Total		426								

The UT Government is implementing various Schemes for the benefit of the students of Government and Government Aided Schools viz. distribution of Cycles, Transport facilities (Free Bus) and Stationery materials for the Students from I to XII Standard.

Year	Enrolment of Boys	Enrolment of Girls	Total Enrolment
2013-2014	128844	124935	253779
2014-2015	126923	123301	250224
2015-2016	126365	122318	248683
2016-2017	126013	120935	246948
2017-2018	127160	129730	256890
2018-2019	128660	131230	259890

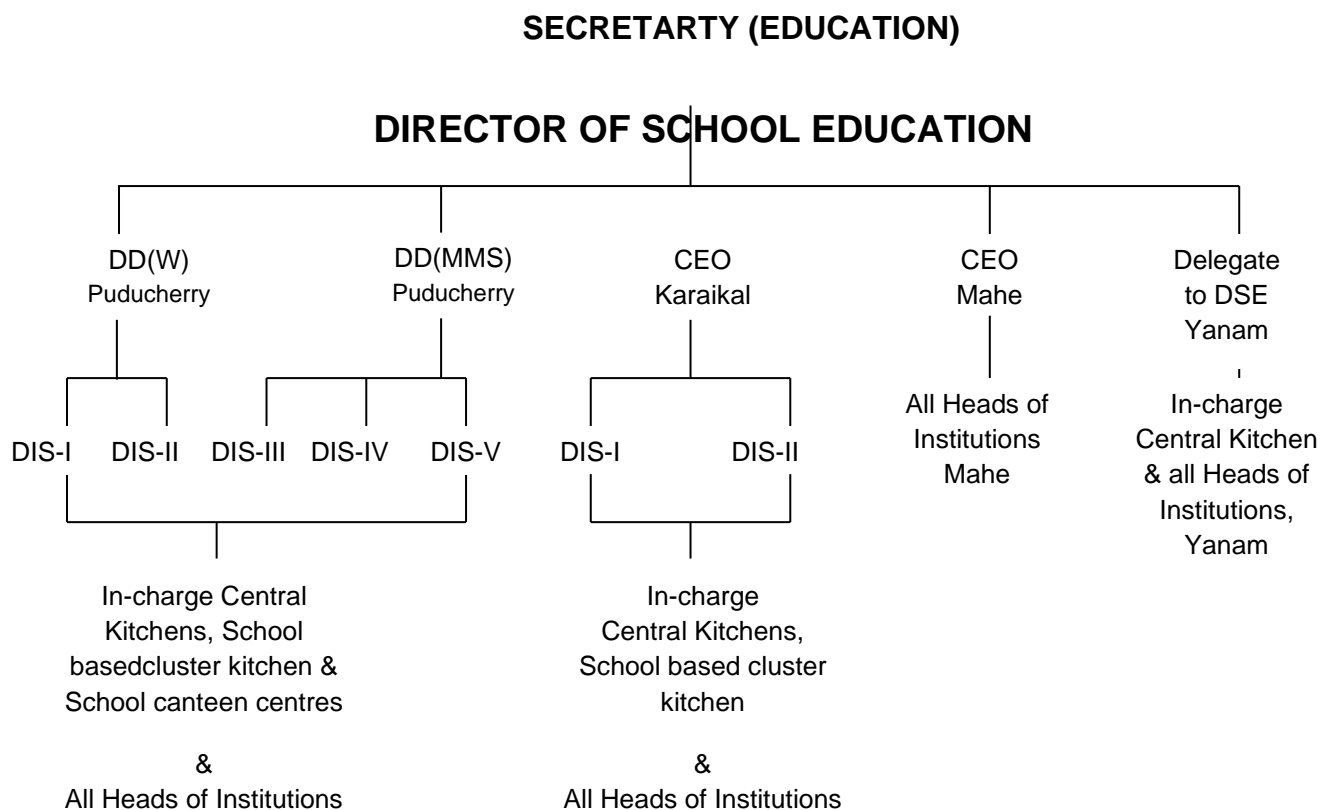
The UT Government has also taken steps to ensure that the retention level is maintained at optimum level and aims to achieve 0% drop out of the students. The dropout of students is only 5.49% for Primary and 6.01% for Upper Primary. The UT Government has taken steps to ensure that the Teachers of different categories are posted in the schools according to requirements. The Pupil Teacher Ratio of the UT is the best in the country with 1:22 against the National Norms of 1:30 for Primary and 1:35 for Upper Primary. The UT has also taken steps to provide necessary infrastructure to all the Government Schools. All the Schools are functioning in RCC buildings. Gender segregated Toilets and safe drinking water are provided in all schools. As a result of all the measures the Government schools compete with the Private Schools in achieving results. The percentage of pass in SSLC and HSC in the last five years is shown below and it may be noted that the performance of the Government / Private Schools is one of the best in the country.

PERFORMANCE CHART IN SSLC / HSC PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

Year	SSLC PUBLIC EXAMINATION			HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION		
	Total No. of Students Appeared	Total No. of Students Passed	Percentage	Total No. of Students Appeared	Total No. of Students Passed	Percentage
2014	18409	16879	91.68%	13477	12077	89.61%
2015	19425	18054	92.94%	14250	12563	88.16%
2016	17752	16407	92.42%	14285	12533	87.74%
2017	17435	16388	93.67%	15583	13508	86.68%
2018	17752	16407	92.42%	15075	13163	87.32%
2019	16520	16119	97.57%	14694	13657	92.94%

The Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in the Union Territory of Puducherry since the days of French Administration i.e. from the year 1930. Nearly 71151 students are covered under the Midday Meal Scheme studying from Pre- Primary to XII standard in 426 Government/Government Aided Private Schools. The Midday Meal Programme is being implemented under Central Assistance as well as under State Plan. Comparing to 2018-19 there is increase of Midday meal beneficiaries in the year 2019-20 by 466 students (231 in Primary level and 235 in Upper primary level). Against the PAB approval, accordingly, Quarterly Progress Report has been submitted to MHRD for the year 2019-20.

1.2 MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME



DSE - Director of School Education,

CEO- Chief Educational Officer,

DD(W)- Deputy Director of Education (Women),

DD- Deputy Director of Education (Midday Meals Scheme)

DIS - Deputy Inspector of Schools

1.3 PLAN FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE

There are 426 number of Govt. and Govt. aided schools in Puducherry. 30799 Number of students are studying in lower primary schools while 23996 number of students are studying in upper primary schools. To ensure accuracy of data the department relies upon the UDISE data for making assessment of requirements of rice and other requirements. This UT is preparing food for the students in 11 centralized kitchens, 11 school based cluster kitchens and 11 school canteen centres. Accordingly, the requirements of rice, diet articles and other items are arrived as per the norms prescribed by the MHRD centrally at the Directorate. As far as implementation of the MDM programme is concerned, the Directorate of School Education is the nodal Department and as such the programme is implemented under the overall supervision of the Directorate of School Education.

In Pondicherry region, food is prepared in 9 central kitchens, 2 number of school based cluster kitchens is directly monitored by the Director of School Education (DSE). There is one Deputy Director level officer who is given the exclusive responsibility of monitoring the programme. Besides, Inspecting Officers including Chief Educational Officer and Deputy Inspector of Schools also inspect both the kitchens and the schools to ensure that the program is implemented in a hassle free manner. A Circular has been issued to all the Inspecting Officers to visit the kitchens / schools regularly to monitor the implementation of the scheme

In Karaikal District, the programme is implemented under the supervision of the District Collector, and monitored by the Chief Educational Officer and Deputy Inspector of Schools. There are 2 central kitchens and 9 number of school based cluster kitchens where food is prepared and distributed to schools.

In Mahe region, the Regional Administrator monitors the scheme and the Chief Educational Officer assumes the overall responsibility of the implementation of the scheme. And in the Yanam region, the Regional Administrator monitors the scheme under the supervision of Delegate to the Director of School Education.

2. DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTED IN THE CURRENT YEAR (2019-20) AND PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR (2020-21)

2.1 REGULARITY AND WHOLESOMENESS OF MIDDAY MEALS SERVED TO CHILDREN

As stated elsewhere Midday Meals is served to the students from pre-primary to Higher Secondary on all school days. From Table No.AT-1 – it may be seen that 100 and 150 grams of rice is utilized respectively for lower primary and upper primary students, respectively and food is prepared by utilizing other diet articles as per the norms.

2.2 System of Cooking, Serving and supervising Midday meals in the schools.

2.3. DETAILS ABOUT WEEKLY MENU

2.3.1. WEEKLY MENU – DAY WISE

DAYS	MENU
Monday	Rice, Mixed Vegetable Sambar, Potato, Poriyal & Egg
Tuesday	Variety Rice – Tamarind Rice with Poriyal Raw plantain, Whole Bengal Gram
Wednesday	Rice, Mixed Vegetable Sambar, Potato, Poriyal & Egg
Thursday	Variety Rice – Tomato Rice with Potato Poriyal Whole Bengal Gram
Friday	Rice, Mixed Vegetable Sambar, Potato Poriyal

Sambar : Dhall with mixed vegetables like Brinjal, Ladies Finger, Beans, Drumstick and Cabbage, Chow Chow, Knol Khol, Carrot based on the availability.,

Food was served to the students without any interruption during 2019-20 and the same will be ensured in 2020-21

2.3.2. ADDITIONAL FOOD ITEMS PROVIDED (fruits/milk/any other items), IF ANY.

In addition to Midday Meal Scheme, Breakfast Scheme is being implemented in Puducherry under which 100ml. Hot-milk is being provided to the students studying from Pre-primary to XII Std. in Government / Govt. Aided Private Schools.

Twice in a week Egg provided to the children to improve the nutrient content in the Meal.

2.3.3. USAGE OF DOUBLE FORTIFIED SALT.

In Puducherry, double fortified salt is being used in the Midday meal since the year 2005-06.

2.3.4. AT WHAT LEVEL MENU IS BEING DECIDED / FIXED

The menu is fixed on recommendation of Food and Nutrition Department, Pondicherry University in consultation with the Dietician / Nutrition as approved by the State Level Monitoring Committee.

On review of the Midday meal scheme the Chief Secretary, Chairman of the State Level Steering cum Monitoring Committee has instructed , to conduct a survey .Based on the survey from the children studying in Primary and Upper Primary Level about the Choice of food. Weekly menu has been modified and implemented in the Midday Meal. Tomato rice, Mixed Vegetable Rice (Pulao), Tamarind rice is being served to the children as their choice.

2.3.5. PROVISION OF LOCAL VARIATION IN THE MENU

In Puducherry, the concept of preparing the Midday Meals in centralized modern kitchens is being followed and nearly 55000 students out of 70000 students are covered under Centralized kitchens and hence there is no local level variation in the menu. Even in school based cluster kitchen the above said menu is being followed without any deviation.

2.3.6. TIMINGS FOR SERVING OF MIDDAY MEAL AT SCHOOL LEVEL.

The Midday Meal is being served in all the schools during lunch-break i.e., between 12.30 hrs. to 13.30 hrs. and in some schools between 13.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs according to the school timings.

2.4 Fund Flow Mechanism – System for release of funds (Central Share and State Share).

As the procurement of diet articles are in a centralized manner by the Nodal Department i.e Directorate of School Education. The funds both Central and State are being utilized by the Nodal Department and there no flow of fund to Central kitchens and School Canteen centers.

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

As there is Centralized procurement by the Nodal Agency, there is no mechanism for release of fund upto school. And whereas the implementing agency, Directorate of School Education received the fund budget provision under State fund and also receipt of funds from Central share through Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries, Puducherry.

2.4.2 Mode of release of funds at different levels, (e-transfer of funds directly from State to School / implementing agency)

The Government of Puducherry provided an amount of Rs.647.13 lakhs as the cooking cost in the year 2019-20. The Central assistance 60% on which Rs.1,05,31,000 being the ad-hoc grant was released on 07.05.2019 and the first installment of Rs.12,82,000 was released on 09.09.2019 and the Second and final installment of Rs. 1,71,88,000 was released on 07.01.2020 besides an amount of Rs.1,39,69,000 was revalidated by MHRD Government of India on 09.09.2019 which was also utilized for the implementation of the scheme. Since centralized procurement from co-operative institutions is made, the bills are settled by the Nodal officers promptly.

In addition to an amount of Rs. 94,27,000 was received during the year 2018-19 Under Non recurring assistance for construction of Kitchen cum store for UT of Puducherry.

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

The funds are released without delay to Nodal Agency in the month of April itself every year i.e. in the Budget Estimate. As the settlement of bills is being carried out by the respective Nodal Officers, there is no flow of funds to the school / kitchen level as all the payments for the procurement of diet and non diet articles are settled only by the Nodal agencies.

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

There is no delay in release of funds at different levels and the mechanism is being adopted in the U.T of Puducherry is as follows:-

The UT of Puducherry being an enclave of 4 regions, with a total population of 12, 47,953 i.e. Male 6, 12,511 and Female 6, 35,442 is placed in a peculiar geographical arrangement. Moreover, out of the 4 regions Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam form part of the district of Puducherry. The Collector-cum-District Magistrate of Puducherry district is not the Administrative Head of the District unlike in other States. The administrative arrangement in the outlying regions of Mahe and Yanam is also different with the Regional Administrator being the Administrative head of the region. As

stated elsewhere, the Midday Meal is being served to the students studying upto 12th Std. and the programme is implemented in Govt. and Govt. Aided schools and there is no school functioning under local bodies. For the reasons explained above, the UT has been following the centralized system of purchase and settlement of bills accordingly.

Therefore, the funds released by the Govt. of India is deposited with the Govt. Account and is drawn on different dates for the settlement of the bills after it is raised by the M/s FCI and other suppliers. In Puducherry, the procurement is made from the co-operative institutions / Govt. undertakings by the respective Nodal Officers and the settlement of bills is also being made only by the Nodal Officers as the concept of cooking the midday meals in centralized kitchens is being followed in Puducherry.

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

There is no delay in release of funds in the UT. of Puducherry.

2.4.6. Initiatives taken by the State for pre-positioning of funds with the implementing agencies in the beginning of the year.

Sufficient funds in the Budget which used by the Nodal Department, Further Adhoc made by MHRD is being used for Midday Meal Programme.

2.5 FOODGRAINS MANAGEMENT

2.5.1 Timeframe for lifting, District wise lifting calendar of food grains.

The food grains are being lifted as per the allocation under MDMS and the timeframe as specified in the guidelines of MHRD is being followed strictly in the lifting of rice in all the four regions of this U.T. of Puducherry.

2.5.2 System for ensuring lifting of Fair Average Quality foodgrains (Joint inspections at the time of lifting etc.)

In the U.T of Puducherry the Co-operative institutions have been authorized to lift the food grains (Rice) from the FCI godown in respect of all the four regions (Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam). The lifting of Fair Average Quality is being ensured by the Nodal Officer for Puducherry region, the concerned Chief Educational Officer in respect of Karaikal and Mahe Region and the Delegate to DSE in Yanam region.

2.5.3 Is there any incident when FAQ food grain was not provided by FCI. If so, the action taken by the State/District to get such food grain replaced with FAQ food grain. How the food grain of FAQ was provided to implementing agencies till replacement of inferior quality of food grain from FCI was arranged. (FAQ = FAIR Average Quality)

Only FAQ (Fair Average Quality) has been provided in U.T Puducherry.

2.5.4 System for transportation and distribution of food grains

The following authorized Co-operative institutions are lifting the food grains (Rice) from the FCI Godown and after cleaning and polishing the FCI rice, distribution takes place to all the Central Kitchens / School Canteen Centres in time to ensure buffer stock in the Kitchens for the preparation of Midday Meal to the students.

The details of authorized agencies approved by the Govt. are furnished below:-

Sl. No.	District	Lifting and Distribution of FCI Rice
1.	Puducherry	Pondicherry Co-operative Marketing Society
2.	Karaikal	Karaikal Co-operative Marketing Society
3.	Mahe	Mahe Employee Co-operative Society
4.	Yanam	Yanam Co-operative Society

2.5.5 Whether unspent balance of food grains with the schools is adjusted from the allocation of the respective implementing agencies (Schools/SHGs/Centralized Kitchens) Number of implementing agencies receiving food grains at doorstep level.

No unspent balance of food grains available in the Central Kitchens / School based cluster kitchen and school canteen centres.

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

All the Central Kitchens are equipped with adequate storage facility to ensure the storage of food grains (Rice) in a safe and hygienic manner. Similar facilities are also available in the School based cluster kitchen and School canteen centres.

2.5.7 Challenges faced and plan to overcome them.

In the U.T. of Puducherry Midday Meal is served to the students in all working days without any interruption in a error free manner, despite price fluctuation of diet articles like Groceries, vegetables and Egg. The U.T. of Puducherry has procured the diet articles in time as per the prevailing market rate and supplied to all the Central Kitchens, School based cluster kitchens and School Canteen Centers for the preparation of Midday Meal as per the norms of MHRD.

During 2019-20, 26000 students were covered under Midday Meal at Primary level and 19000 students at Upper Primary level. And therefore 1173 Metric tonnes is required to prepare food for the students for all the schools for which an amount of Rs.35.19 Lakhs will be required to be paid to M/S. Food Corporation of India (FCI). After ensuring the release of funds and getting allocation from the MHRD this Department lifted rice from the respective godown of the FCI in all the four regions and payment made thereafter. Elaborate arrangements have been made at the central kitchens itself to store the rice lifted. Normally, rice is lifted from the FCI every month.

As the rice lifted from FCI is not of superior quality, a tie up arrangement is made with the Pondicherry Co-operative Marketing Society, a registered Co-operative Society, under the Govt. of Puducherry to polish the rice so that the food prepared for the students is of good quality. As mentioned above, this UT consists of four regions and rice is lifted for Puducherry in Puducherry and Karaikal regions from Karaikal FCI Godown whereas the rice required for Mahe and Yanam is being lifted from Kannur and Kakinada, respectively and the payment for rice lifted is paid to the respective Divisional Office. Payment has been made through electronic mode viz. ECS/NEFT/CFB/RTGS as per the circular issued by the Finance Department UT. Puducherry. Accordingly, the mode of payments by ECS is being followed for settlement of FCI bills in respect of all regions.

State level Steering cum Monitoring committee has approved the Budget plan for the year 2020-21. The Committee approved Annual Work Plan for an amount of 434.89 lakhs.

At present, there are 12 Centralized Kitchens, 11 School based cluster kitchens and 11 school canteen centres catering to the needs of the children. And as mentioned above, rice is lifted on monthly basis and the rice required for centralized kitchens and the schools are supplied directly by the Marketing Society after getting it polished for the enrichment of its quality. Regarding the supply of diet articles, M/s. PAPSCO, a State PSU, besides Co-operative Societies makes supply directly to the Centralized Kitchens/School based cluster kitchen and the school canteen centers and so far no interruption in the supply of rice or other diet articles have occurred.

An amount of Rs. 290.01 lakhs was released by MHRD and the amount has been utilized for the purpose for which it has been released. Funding pattern 60:40 between Centre and State/UTs implementation for Midday Meal Scheme for the year 2019-20 UT of Puducherry is entitled to 60% central share from the year 2019-20. Adhoc amount of Rs. 105.31 lakhs, 1st Installment of Rs. 12.82 lakhs and second installment released an amount of Rs. 171.18 lakhs 2019 besides an amount of Rs. 139.69 lakhs was revalidated by MHRD Government of India on 30.9.2019 under recurring components.

For the year 2019-20, an amount of Rs. 429.70 lakhs is claimed based on the consumption in 2018-19.

2.6 PAYMENT OF COST OF FOODGRAINS TO FCI:

2.6.1 System for payment of cost of food grains to FCI.

A centralized system is being followed. Mode of payment is the form of ECS towards the cost of food grains to Food Corporation of India.

2.6.2 Status of pending bills of FCI of the previous year.

There are no pending bills as far as U.T. of Puducherry is concerned for the previous year.

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

There is no pending bills in respect of Food Corporation of India

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

No, in UT. of Puducherry there is no issue relating to lifting, Quality of Food grains and the payment of bills. The State Nodal Officer has submitted Utilization Certificate every month / Quarter to the District Collector for release order to lifting the good grains (rice) rice from the FCI as well as to FCI to get the proper acknowledgement for the same. Though, there is no meeting with FCI officials, all the point noted in the Guidelines is being followed without any omission to ensure thoroughly lifting and UC food grains besides the settlement of bills.

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

All the procedures are followed as per the guidelines even though there is no meeting with FCI officials. FCI officials are included in the Committees i.e SMC, DLC and they are attending the meetings regularly.

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

Reconciliation of payment to FCI is being carried out regularly resulting in prompt payment during the academic year 2018-19 and as well as 2019-20 to till date.

2.6.7 Relevant issues regarding payment to FCI.

The payment of cost of food grains to FCI is being made by the Nodal Officer, Puducherry for all the four regions in a centralized manner and 828.43 MTs. of rice was lifted during the period from 01.04.2019 to **31.12.2019** and **an amount of Rs 24.58 lakhs was paid to the Food** Corporation of India. In Puducherry, there is no undue delay in the payment of cost of food grains to FCI as the payments are being made promptly. There are no bills pending pertaining to the period ending December 2019.

2.6.8 Whether there is any delay in payment of cost of food grains to FCI and steps taken to rectify the same.

UT. of Puducherry, there is no delay in Payment of food grains to FCI.

2.7 COOK-CUM-HELPERS

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

Norms prescribed by the MHRD in respect of CCH is being followed.

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

Norms prescribed by the MHRD for cook cum helper is adhered in the UT. of Puducherry.

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

There is no difference in the number of cook cum helpers eligible for engagement as per norms and the CCH actually engaged.

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

The payment is being made to the cook-cum-helper by e-payment as all of them are having Bank accounts.

2.7.5 Whether the CCH were paid on monthly basis.

Yes, CCH were paid on monthly basis.

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

There is no instance regarding irregular payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers.

2.7.7 Rate of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers,

Rate of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers is as per MHRD norms and in addition to the above payment is made under State share as per rules in force.

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

All the cook-cum-helpers as noted in Table AT8 & AT8A are having Bank accounts.

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

Payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers is through the bank accounts only.

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

The health check-up to all the cook-cum-helpers was carried out.

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

They are wearing head gears and gloves at the time of cooking of meals besides apron.

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

The appointment of cook-cum-helpers is being made as per the codal provisions formulated by the Government of Puducherry for the engagement of various categories of employees.

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

No cook cum helper has been enrolled under any Social Security Scheme.

2.8 Procurement and storage of cooking ingredients and condiments.

The diet and non-diet articles in respect of Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions are being supplied by M/s. Pondicherry co-operative Wholes stores Ltd., Puducherry Agro Products Food And Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Puducherry Central Co-operative Processing Supply and Marketing Society, Karaikal Central Co-operative Processing Supply and Marketing Society and Mahe Consumer Co-operative Society and Yanam Co-operative Stores Ltd., respectively on limited tender basis. The supplies are made on monthly basis as per the requirement of the concerned central kitchens / school canteen centres and it is also ensured that adequate

BUFFER STOCK OF DIET ARTICLES IN KITCHEN



quantities of diet articles are kept in the central kitchens. Each central kitchen is equipped with a store room where adequate stock for one month can be stored safely.

2.8.1 System for procuring good quality (pulses, vegetables including leafyones, salt, condiments, oil etc. and other commodities.

Government Industries namely, M/s. Puducherry Agro Products Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Puducherry and Co-operative Stores Ltd. Procure AGMARK quality Pulses, Condiments, Oil and other commodities and supply to the Central Kitchens and School Canteen centres under the Midday meal Scheme.

Double Fortified salt used in Midday meal.

Fresh vegetables are supplied on daily basis to all central kitchens / school based canteen centres.

2.8.2 Whether Pulses are being procured from NAFED

Pulses procured from NAFED in the year 2018-19

2.8.3 Whether First In and First Out (FIFO) method has been adopted for using MDM ingredients such as pulses, oil/fats. Condiments salt etc. or not.

The First in First Out method is adopted for using of MDM ingredients in the Central Kitchens and School Canteen centres.

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

Separate storage space ear marked for safe storage of ingredients and condiments in Central kitchens and School canteen centres. The Premises are kept neat and clean to avoid pests.

2.8.5 Steps taken to ensure implementation of guidelines dated 13.02.2015 on food safety and hygiene in school level kitchens under Midday Meal Scheme.

Necessary steps have already been taken to ensure the implementation of Guidelines dated 13.02.2015 on food safety and hygiene in Central kitchens and School based Cluster kitchens.

Storage of raw materials

- Availability of adequate quantity of food grains, which is not less than Fair Average Quality (FAQ) in its Deposits.
- Branded items of Pulses and cooking oil are procured and used for preparation of Midday meal.
- Double fortified salt are being used in Midday meal.
- Safety measures have been taken in all aspects, elaborate arrangements are being made in the central kitchen and steel racks have been provided in the School kitchens for the Storage of diet articles.
- Fresh vegetables are supplied on daily basis for preparation of Midday meal.

Food safety Measures during preparation:-

- Food grains are washed for removal any waste and cooked.
- Pulses and Cereals were ensure before cooking in the kitchen.
- Vegetable are thoroughly washed before cutting by using Vegetable cutting machine.
- Clean chopping boards are used.

Food safety measure during cooking:-

- Cooking done with lid to avoid loss of nutrients and contamination
- Safety measures have been placed in kitchen.
- Apron, gloves are using for cooking purpose.

2.9 Fuel used for cooking of Midday Meals – LPG, smokeless chulha, firewood & others.

All central kitchens and School based Cluster Kitchens are use LPG

2.9.2 Steps taken by State to increase use of LPG as mode of fuel in MDM.

In Puducherry LPG is the only source of Fuel in the year 2019-20 as explained above.

2.10 Kitchen – cum - Stores

2.10.1 PROCEDURE AND STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF KITCHEN-CUM-STORE:

At present there are 12 central kitchens in the UT of Puducherry 9 in Puducherry 2 in Karaikal and 1 in Yanam, catering to the needs of 71000 students. In addition, there are 11 number of school based cluster kitchen and 11 number school canteen centre in Puducherry, Karaikal and Mahe. All the schools in Mahe have pucca school based kitchens.

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

In the U.T of Puducherry all the centralized kitchens-cum-stores are standardized model constructed by the Public Works Department.

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

No community involvement in this work.

2.10.4 Kitchen cum stores constructed through convergence, if any.

No kitchen cum stores constructed through convergence.

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

In the year 2015-16 all the Central kitchens are renovated and provided new kitchen devices.

MHRD has released an amount of Rs. 94.27 lakhs on 24th July 2018 towards construction of Kitchen cum stores for 13 nos in respect of Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions. For Karaikal region 9 nos of Kitchen cum stores is in progress and it will be completed in the financial year 2019-20. Regarding Yanam is under progress work has been entrusted to PWD and the same for Mahe regions the work will be completed in the vacation and it will function in the academic year 2020-21. After completion of the work UC and Report may be submitted to MHRD.

2.10.6 The reasons for slow pace of construction of kitchen-cum-store.

In U.T. of Puducherry there is no slow pace of construction of kitchen-cum-store.

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

Completion of the Kitchen cum stores the non recurring funds may be utilized in the financial year 2019-20.

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

No

2.11 KITCHEN DEVICES:

2.11.1 Procedure of procurement of kitchen devices from funds released under the Midday Meal Programme

Kitchen devices will be procured, from co-operative institution under the control of the Govt. of Puducherry under limited tender system and will be distributed to the kitchens

2.11.2 Status of procurement of kitchen devices

Kitchen devices are procured, from co-operative institutions under the control of the Govt. of Puducherry under limited tender system and is distributed to the kitchens/Schools. Rs. 7.55 lakhs for 2017-18 for 151 units was released from the MHRD, Government of India in the end of March 2018. This amount was utilized for the replacement of old devices in respect of UT of Puducherry

2.11.3 Procurement of kitchen devices through convergence or community/CSR

No

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

Eating plates have been provided to 219 schools in respect of Puducherry and Karaikal region covering **16261** children utilizing the MME funds provided under MDM Scheme under the school level expenditure component.

Procurement of Stainless Steel Plates covering Upper Primary level in respect of four regions under (MME) component has been approved by SMC.

2.12 Measures taken to rectify

2.12.1 Inter-district low and uneven utilization of foodgrains and cooking cost

There is no Inter-district low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost in the UT. Puducherry.

2.12.2 Intra-district mismatch in utilization of food grain sand cooking cost.

There is no Intra –district mismatch in utilization of food grains and cooking cost.

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

There is no Mismatch of data reported through various sources (QPR, AWP&B, MIS etc

2.13 Quality of food

A circular has been issued directing the teachers to taste the food meant to be served to the students on rotation and a roster is being maintained for the posting of teachers to taste the food before distribution. Testing of food sample undertaken periodically in the Public Health Lab, Health Department, Puducherry.



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

A separate register is maintained in all the Schools to record the suggestion / recommendation about the tasting of food. SMC members and mothers are incited to taste the food.

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

On school working day, at the time of serving and tasting of Midday meal by the teachers or SMC or Parents before serving the meal to the children is carried out in the school.

2.13.3 Testing of food sample by any recognized labs for prescribed nutrition and presence of contaminants such as microbes, e-coli.

Quality of food is tested regularly by the Central Kitchens and School Canteen centres through Department of Food & Drugs Testing, Government of Puducherry for analysis, there is no report of sub-standard quality of food.

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

Food samples are being tested by Food & Drugs Testing laboratory, Puducherry.

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

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

Testing of diet articles and food samples are periodically carried out in Food & Drugs Testing laboratory. Cooked food samples are tested and the quality is found to be Good.

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

Step has been taken to ensure the guidelines issued with regard to quality of food is adhered.

2.14 Involvement of NGOs / Trusts.

Government as accorded in Principle approval of Midday meal Scheme in Puducherry region in the first instance by M/s. AKSHYA PATRA FOUNDATION, a Non Profit organization on voluntary basis for the year 2019-20. Until the Kitchens is operate by M/s. AKSHYA PATRA FOUNDATION existing pattern will be followed.

2.14.1 Modalities for engagement of NGOs/ Trusts for serving of MDM through centralized kitchen.

The Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in Puducherry directly by the Department of School Education and there is no involvement of NGOs/ Trust for serving of MDM through centralized kitchen as of now. However Government has accorded in Principle approval for operation of Kitchen by M/s. AKSHYA PATRA FOUNDATION.

2.14.2 Whether NGOs/ Trusts are serving meal in rural areas

In the UT of Puducherry serving meal in rural areas is by the Government there is no involvement of NGOs/ Trust.

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

In the U.T of Puducherry 12 Central Kitchens are functioning at present besides 11 School Based cluster kitchens and 11 School Canteen Centres are functioning for the preparation of Midday meal. The Schools are located within distance of 8 to 10 Kms from the central kitchens. Hardly 10 to 30 minutes is taken for the hot cooked meal to be delivered at Schools from the preparation point by using closed TATA 407 vehicles.

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

Hot cooked food delivered to the schools within 10-20 minutes ensuring the meals are hot when served to the children.

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

Cooked food prepared from the Central Kitchens are sent through covered vehicles to the MDM beneficiary schools where the cook cum helper will receive the container under the supervision of the Head of Institution.

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

Cooked food send through sealed container (SS Drum) at the time of supply of meal to school.

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

Midday meal is being covered in all the schools during lunch break ie. between 13.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs and in some schools between 12.30 hrs to 13.30 hrs according to the school timings. Time of delivery of meals to school from the central kitchen is at 12.00 noon promptly.

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

All the Central kitchen and School based cluster kitchen having weighing machines for weighing the vegetables, Groceries etc.

2.14.9 Testing of food samples at centralized kitchens.

In central kitchen the in-charge will taste the food and ensure the quality before delivery. In addition food sample is being sent to Pondicherry Health Laboratory to ascertain the quality.

2.14.10 Whether NGO is receiving grant from other organizations for the Midday meal. If so, the details thereof.

The Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in Puducherry directly by the Department of School Education and there is no involvement of NGO's. As such there is no grant received for the Midday meal.

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

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

MDM logo, Weekly menu, Toll Free Number, Entitlement of children and other information are displayed in all Government and Government aided MDM beneficiary schools, central kitchens, and school based cluster kitchen and school canteen centres.

2.15.2 Dissemination of information through MDM website

The dissemination of information on the implementation of the scheme through website has already been made in the U.T of Puducherry.

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

As per the MHRD instructions a circular has been issued by the Directorate of School Education to all the Head of Institutions instructing that one parent and preferably two, who may not be SMC members should be present during serving of meals to the children, taste the food and certify the number of children who take MDM and they record their observation in the Register available in the School.

2.15.4 Tasting of meals by community members,

In the training organized for the members of School Management Committee, they have been impressed upon the need to get involved in the implementation of MDM. A circular has been issued to maintain a separate inspection registers for the above said purpose.

2.15.5 Conducting Social Audit

Proposal has been submitted to Government, suggested to recommend to conduct Social Audit under Midday Meal Scheme through professional Agency for Karaikal districts, remaining districts will be audited in a phased manner..

2.16 CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING FOR DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS:

The Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in this U.T. of Puducherry in accordance with the Guidelines vide circular No.6566/Edn/DE/PA/2002-03, dated 04.03.2003 of the Director of School Education, Puducherry. In the past, training programmes were organized for the cook cum helpers under the aegis of Food and Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pondicherry Institute of Hospitality Crafts, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Puducherry, the cook-cum-helpers were trained to maintain cleanliness in the kitchen, the mechanism of washing and cutting of vegetables and in the process of cooking by modernized kitchen equipments in a very hygienic manner.

2.16.1 Details of the training programme conducted for cook-cum-helpers, State Level Officials, SMC members, School teachers and others Stake holders.

The training programme for cook-cum-helper was conducted in all four regions. In the training organized for the members of School Management Committee, School teachers and other Stakeholders have been impressed upon the need to get themselves involved in the implementation of MDM in an effective manner.

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

Training programme to the cook-cum-helper through the Pondicherry Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology sponsored by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tourism for all four regions by the Asst. Lecturer-cum-Assistant Instructor as a Master Trainer, the training was conducted at the Central Kitchens on how to prepares food in a Hygienic manner and methodology of preparation of various dishes. Besides the Department organized and conducted cooking competition among the cooks. In the competition the cooks have exhibits their talents for making the foods in delicious, tasty, in the presents of Judges, who accompany in the cooking competition. Winners in the competition prizes were awarded by the Director of school Education. Judges and other officials have motivated the cooks in all aspects, which relate preparation of Midday Meal children not only for the school as well as their wards.

2.16.3 Targets for the next year- Kitchen Garden.

It is proposed to form 100 nos of Nutrition Kitchen Garden in the UT of Puducherry in the year 2020-21.

2.17 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AT SCHOOL, BLOCK, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL AND ITS DETAILS:

MDM application has been developed by NIC for capturing of number of students taking MDM daily and supplying the stock of Diet and Non-diet on daily basis.

2.17. 1.Procedure followed for data entry into MDM-MIS Web portal

Data collected from the Schools and central kitchen/School canteen centre is being entered in the Web Portal.

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

Data is collected from the districts and entered at the State Level.

2.17.3 Availability of manpower for web based MIS

Data entry operator is available only at state level. Under Midday meal scheme, outsourcing of Data entry operator will be undertaken at the District level in the ensuing academic year in order to update the data at district level.

2.17.4 Mechanism for ensuring timely data entry and quality of data

In the U.T of Puducherry, preparation of Midday meal is being carried out in Central kitchens /School based cluster kitchens and School canteen centres. To capture data under MDM the software is already developed and put to use for timely data entry and ensure the quality of data.

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

The data collected is very useful for monitoring purpose as it gives the actual number of MDM beneficiaries

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

School Level:

An android / Web application is been used to collect MDM data from each school across the district. Since data submission is on real time basis. Internet connection is required to access the android and web application.

Each school has been provided with two user ID and password for their login (HM/Teacher-1). It will take an average of 30 seconds to submit the data. An SMS will also be sent to the school once they have submitted their data. Schools can also check their submission status in android app (or) they can also check in the website. MDM website also provides an additional benefit of downloading reports of their submitted data in PDF format which can be used for their future reference purpose.

Feedback section has been provided both in the android / web application by which the user can submit their queries which will be addressed quickly.

Kitchen Level:

Kitchen in-charges can login only through android app using their provided user ID and password. Once they login they can view the total number of students for whom food has to be prepared for that day (Total count is based on the total number of students consumed food the previous day). They will also get the School-wise total count of foods to be prepared and sent.

Kitchen in-charges can also submit their closing balance which will be used to prepare the supply order for next month.

Administrator Level:

- A. **Website:** They can login using their user ID and password. They can track the entire status of MDM like:
- A. Total Number of schools submitted MDM Data (State Wise/District wise)
 - B. Total number of schools not submitted MDM Data (State Wise/District wise) with the HM name and their mobile number to contact them.
 - C. Graphic representation (Bar / Pie Chart) is also been provided to track the MDM process.
 - D. Bulk SMS will be sent to all the defaulter schools to submit the data as early as possible.
 - E. MDM XML file can be generated only from the web and the same file will be uploaded to the MDM central server. One copy of XML file is downloaded for reference.
 - F. Name and Mobile Number of HM/Teacher in-charge, School Name, MDM strength, School sections can be only updated by the Administrator.
 - G. Submitted feedbacks will be addressed only by the Administrator.
 - H. Admin can also generate kitchen indent form and supply order form for the kitchens. These forms will be prepared from the data submitted by the kitchen in-charge.
 - I. The following reports are available for admin:
 - i. Schools submitted their MDM data.
 - ii. Schools not submitted their MDM data.
 - iii. Reports are generated in various formats like PDF and Excel.
- B. **Android:** Admin can login using the same user ID and password for login. In android only the state and district wise summary will be shown to the admin.

2.18.1 Status of implementation of AMS

The AMS project has been implemented from the month of July (23/07/2016) with training session in Pondicherry followed by Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam. The project is currently active where an average of 374 schools submits their data daily.

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

Two different technologies have been used to collect the data:

- Android Application (Supports till N Version)
- Website.

2.18.3 Tentative unit cost for collection of data.

An amount of Rs. 22,160 has been incurred for SMS service for the year 2019-20.

2.18.4 Mechanism for ensuring timely submission of information by schools.

To submit the MDM data it only takes on average 30 seconds. SMS will be sent to all the schools once they have submitted their data. An alert defaulter SMS will also be sent from the website to all the schools to submit their data as early as possible. Also the admin can track all the schools that have not submitted their MDM data. Reports can also be generated to monitor the schools which the schools are not submitted.

2.18.5 Whether the information under AMS is got validated.

Before the data is stored in the database, the MDM data will be validated with the current MDM strength of that school. If the value provided is greater than the school MDM strength then the value will not be stored it will show error and request for correct value.

In case a school wants to change the MDM strength they have to contact the admin.

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

Yes, AMS data is used for monitoring by the department. The data that has been submitted using AMS is used for preparing next day total count of foods to be prepared in the kitchen and also the Kitchen Indent form is prepared from the data submitted through AMS.

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

MDM (AMS) android application is currently active. An average of 420 schools daily submit their data through this application.

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

No evaluation study was done by the UT administration. However, the Joint Review Mission visited this UT during the December 2013 and has submitted its report to the MHRD. The independent monitoring agency i.e. Pondicherry University conducts evaluation study independently and submits report directly to MHRD.



2.20 Write up on best/ innovative practices followed in the State alongwith some high resolution photographs of these best / innovative practices. PROVIDING HOT MILK TO THE CHILDREN IN THE MORNING



HAND WASH & NOON MEAL TAKEN BY CHILDREN IN SCHOOL



- Covers Pre-Primary & XI & XII std students which are not covered under Central Schemes. U.T administration spent Rs. **1287.50 lakhs**, for the implementation of MDM
- Break Fast scheme 100ml of Hot milk to the students – Rs.1239.50 lakhs under State fund.
- Food is prepared in modernized central kitchens and cluster kitchens in a hygienic atmosphere.
- Egg is provided to students twice a week amount Rs.220 lakhs (U.T Fund)
- Safe drinking water with RO Systems
- All central kitchens and cluster kitchens use LPG
- Purchase of diet articles (AKMARK Quality) is being made only through Co-operative Institutions / Govt. undertakings by limited tender system.

2.21 Untoward incidents

No instance of unhygienic food served, children falling ill, substandard supplies, diversion / misuse of resources and social discrimination reported in this U.T. of Puducherry. The scheme is implemented effectively in an error free manner and in accordance with the Guidelines issued in this regard by MHRD.

2.21.1 Instances of unhygienic food served, children falling ill

No, such incidents have occurred.

2.21.2 Sub-standard supplies,

To maintain the quality, Groceries of AGMARK quality / fresh vegetables are procured through Co-operative agencies in a centralized manner and supplied to Central kitchens, School based Cluster kitchens and School Canteen centers.

2.21.3 Diversion/ misuse of resources,

The co-operative institutions are directly supplying the diet and non-diet articles to the doorstep of the Central Kitchens, School based Cluster kitchens and School Canteen centers in respect of all four regions.

2.21.4 Social discrimination

No Social discrimination.

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

Students are encouraged to take Midday meal together without any discrimination.

2.22 STATUS OF RASTRIYA BAL SWASTHYA KARYAKRAM (School Health Programme)

2.22.1 Provision of micro-nutrients, Vitamin-A, de-Worming medicine, Iron and Folic acid (WIFS), Zinc.

During the academic year 2019-20 Iron Folic Acid issued to the students weekly and De-Worming tablet once in 6 months (i.e February and August)all schools in the UT. of Puducherry.

2.22.2 Distribution of spectacles to children with refractive error.

In the UT of Puducherry 249 schools have been covered, and screening of school students, undertaken 414 numbers of spectacles were issued to the students free of cost under RMSA.

2.22.3 Recording of height, weight etc.

Student's Health Card is maintained for all students in the school and vital parameters of height, weight, BMI and other findings are recorded for follow up action.

2.22.4 Number of Visits made by the RBSK team for the health check-up of the children.

The Modified Student's Health Programme is being implemented in all the four regions of the UT under Rashtri Bal Swasthiya Karyakram by National Rural Health Mission, 48427 students studying in Government and Government aided schools have been screened by the Pondicherry State Health Mission, Government of Puducherry.

2.23 PRESENT MONITORING STRUCTURES AT VARIOUS LEVELS. STRATEGY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MONITORING CELL AT VARIOUS LEVELS VIZ. BLOCK, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL FOR EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF THE SCHEME.

As far as implementation of the MDM programme is concerned, the Directorate of School Education is the nodal department and as such the programme is implemented under the overall supervision of the Director of School Education. In Puducherry region, MDM is directly monitored by the Director of School Education (DSE). There is one Deputy Director level officer who is given the exclusive responsibility of monitoring the programme. Besides, Inspecting Officers including Chief Educational Officer, and Deputy Inspector of Schools also inspect the kitchens and the schools to ensure that

the programme is implemented hassle free. In Karaikal region monitored by the Chief Educational Officer and Deputy Inspector of Schools. In Mahe region, the Regional Administrator monitors the scheme and the Chief Educational Officer assumes the overall responsibility of the implementation of the scheme. And in the Yanam region, the Regional Administrator monitors the scheme under the supervision of Delegate to the Director of School Education.

A Circular has been issued to all the Inspecting Officers to visit the kitchens / schools regularly to monitor the implementation of the scheme on 06.06.2016 to ensure that the quality of food prepared are of good quality and samples of diet articles are collected at random and get it tested as per the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. Such testing is being done periodically at the Department of Food & Drugs Testing Laboratory, Govt. of Puducherry. So far no adverse reporting is received from the said Laboratory.

The stock position available in the central kitchen is verified by the Store Superintendent of this Department periodically. Also surprise inspections is carried out by the officers, Computers procured and supplied to the central kitchens to maintain and monitor stock of Rice, diet procured and for proper accounting of the materials. In order to strengthen the existing system of monitoring, the School Management Committee will be involved in monitoring the implementation of MDM. Also to make the system more transparent, the standards of diet and non-diet articles used in the preparation of food is displayed in all the central kitchens/ School based cluster kitchen and school canteen centre.

As per the MHRD guidelines, State level steering cum Monitoring committee has already being constituted in the U.T of Puducherry. Apart from State Level Monitoring Committee, UT Review Mission, District Level Committee Meeting was constituted for monitoring the performance of the scheme.

There is a Toll Free number available to the General Public to register their complaint on the implementation of the Midday Meal Scheme in all the four regions of this U.T. of Puducherry.

2.24 MEETINGS OF STEERING CUM MONITORING COMMITTEES AT THE BLOCK, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL.

The State level Steering-cum Monitoring Committee has already been constituted and it reviews the implementation of the scheme. MHRD, Government of India has suggested to constitute UT Review mission similar to Joint Review mission of the Government of India for monitoring the performance of the scheme. It is worthwhile to mention at this juncture, the UT Review Mission has been constituted in the U.T of Puducherry. In addition to that School level Management Committee may also be involved to monitor the programme.

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

2.24.2 Action taken on the decisions taken during these meetings.

2.25 FREQUENCY OF MEETING OF DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SENIOR MOST MP OF THE DISTRICT TO MONITOR THE SCHEME. GIST OF THE ISSUES DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN THEREON.

As per the guidelines of the MHRD, the District Level Committee has been constituted vide G.O.Ms.No.68 dated.27.02.2015.

Under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Hon'ble Education Minister, District Collector, Committee Members and other Officials have reviewed the implementation of Midday meal scheme at Karaikal, which was held on 26.02.2020.

District Level Committee review meeting held on 26.02.2020



2.26 ARRANGEMENT FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS TO MDM CENTRES AND PERCENTAGES OF SCHOOLS INSPECTED AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES TAKEN:

The Deputy Director in-charge of MDM, Chief Educational Officer and other inspecting officers inspect the quality of food served to the students. Being a small UT with less number of schools the Inspecting Officers cover all the schools. A mechanism has already been evolved for periodical inspection and remedial measures.

2.27 DETAILS OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN TO AVOID ANY UNTOWARD INCIDENT. PRINTING OF IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS (eg. PRIMARY HEALTH CENTER, HOSPITAL, FIRE BRIGADE ETC.) ON THE WALLS OF SCHOOL BUILDING:

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) finalized by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management is adopted at present. A circular has been issued to all the schools to display the toll free numbers, Primary Health Centre number, Police Station number on the walls of the school building.

2.28 GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM

A Toll free Number of 1800-425-1967 has been installed to receive complaints from public regarding the implementation of Midday Meals. A separate register is being maintained to make entry of the complaints received and also record the remedial action taken on the complaints.

2.28.1 Details regarding Grievance Redressal at all levels,

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

Complaints have not received in respect of MDM

2.28.3 Time schedule for disposal of complaints.

Does not arise. If so, it will be disposed immediately.

2.28.4 Details of action taken on the complaints.

No such complaints received, to take action

2.29 DETAILS REGARDING AWARENESS GENERATION & IEC ACTIVITIES AND MEDIA CAMPAIGN, CARRIED OUT AT STATE / DISTRICT / BLOCK / SCHOOL LEVEL.

MDM Logo / Daily Menu are being displayed in all the schools. As the MDM programme is being implemented in this UT, adequate awareness has been created among the general public about the programme. However, to create awareness about the entitlements of the children under the MDM programme, a media campaign will be taken up utilizing the funds released under MME component.

2.30 OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE MANNER IN WHICH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND AN ANALYSIS OF STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THE PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

The UT of Puducherry has been implementing various welfare programmes to increase the enrolment of students in Govt. Schools. Even though funds are released under the programme of MDM to provide food only for the students from 1 to 8th standard, the UT of Puducherry provides fund to implement MDM programme for the pre-primary and the students studying in 9th to 12th Standards. Under this programme the UT of Puducherry has allocated Rs. **1287.50** lakhs for the implementation of MDM and Breakfast Scheme. UT. Puducherry is entitled to 60% Central Share in Primary and Upper Primary level for the in the year 2019-20. Accordingly the Government of India has released the fund for implementation of Midday Meal Scheme.

In 1991, this UT constructed one central kitchen on experimental basis to prepare food through diesel driven boilers in hygienic atmosphere. In the Financial year 2019-20 all the central kitchens have been converted into LPG based, which will be cost effective and food can be prepared in a hygienic manner and reduce pollution. At present there are 12 central kitchens where food is prepared for about 60000 No. of students. UT is one of the few pioneering States/UTs which provide eggs (twice a Week). Besides 100 ml of Hot milk to the students in the morning borne by UT Fund.

2.32 CONTRIBUTION BY COMMUNITY IN THE FORM OF TITHI BHOJAN OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR PRACTICES IN THE STATE / UT etc.

A novel and unique scheme 'Annadhanam 'was introduced on the lines of 'Tithi Bhojan' in the UT. of Puducherry vide G.O M.S. No.78 dt.18.03.2015. The said scheme is implemented under Midday meal scheme in a transparent and error free manner with the Community Contribution / Participation.

2.33 Kitchen Gardens

2019-20, one day Orientation training Programme on Kitchen Garden and Organic farming have been conducted by the Directorate of School Education in collaboration with Gratitude form to the teachers of Puducherry & Karaikal regions.

The training covers the different types of urban gardening methods and their designs: Blackyard, Kitchen Garden, Balcony Garden, Terrace Garden, Community Garden etc. The special features about this programme are hands-on learning in sustainable farming practices and interactive sessions with organic farming experts at the Gratitude Organic Farm.

The programme aims to create awareness on the benefits of healthy organic food and the solutions to shift to organic food in an urban setting. Urban vegetable gardens allow you to live a healthy lifestyle by growing your own food in your own homes in innovative. Sustainable and environment ally friendly ways.

2.33.1 Status of availability of Kitchen gardens in the schools (please furnish school wise detail for all districts in the table given at Annexure –W1

Subject to availability of land, Kitchen Garden will be developed in all Government schools.

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

Plan to organize with KVK and mapping the schools in the year 2020-21

2.33.3 Details of the mechanisms adopted for setting up and Maintenance of Kitchen Gardens.

Mechanisms will be followed

2.33.4 Whether the produce of these Kitchen Gardens is used in MDM

Yes

2.33.5 Action Plan for setting up Kitchen Gardens in all schools

Committee suggested to Develop kitchen Garden in Government Schools in the year 2020-21.

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

Action has been taken. The notification in G.S.R. 743 (E), dated 30th September 2015 of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary No. 599, Part-II, section 3, sub-section (i), dated 30th September 2015 containing the Mid-Day Meal Rules, 2015 was republished for general information of the public in Puducherry Gazette vide no.26531/DSE/Edn/2015 dated. 16th November 2015.

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

In the UT of Puducherry Midday Meal is provided to all the students studying in Government/ Government Aided schools on all school working days. The Concept of preparation Midday meal in Puducherry by central kitchen, School based cluster kitchen and School canteen centres. Buffer stock of diet articles and non diet articles will be maintained equally in all the centres. Midday Meal was served on all working days without any break. Hence no food security allowance was paid.

2.36 Cooking competition

2.36.1. Whether cooking competitions have been organized at different levels in 2019-20,

Yes

2.36.2 if yes in 2.36.1,

2.36.2.1 the number of participants in these competitions

210 no of participants

2.36.2.2 Details of judges

Thiru **P.T. RUDRA GOUD**,
JOINT SECRETARY CUM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION,
as a Chief Guest of the Programme, and the following Officials are participated as a Guest/Judge

1. Thiru. S. Ganess,
Principal, Puducherry Institute of Hotel Management & Catering
Technology, Puducherry.
2. Tmt. Dr. Alamelumangai,
Professor, Dept. of Home Science Govt. Women's College, Puducherry.
3. Tmt. Dr. Hari Priya,
Associated Professor, Pondicherry University.
4. Thiru. M. Ravi Chandran,
Food safety Officer, Pondicherry Lab.
5. Thiru. K. Meenakshi Sundram,
Deputy Director, Midday Meal Scheme, Puducherry.
6. Thiru. M. Raja
Teaching Associate – in catering
7. Ms. Vinodhini
Teaching Associate – in catering

2.36.2.3 How many participants in these competitions

100 nos of participants.

2.36.2.4 Was the awarded participants given any cash prizes

NO-Prizes awarded

2.36.2.5 Whether the awarded recipes have been shared with

schools

Yes

2.36.3 Details of action plan for year 2020-21

- ❖ Completion of 4 Kitchen cum stores
- ❖ Developing kitchen Gardens in 68 Schools.
- ❖ Conducting Social Audit by professional Agency
- ❖ 100% schools to be covered under AMS.
- ❖ Conducting cooking competition to 2 districts.

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

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

PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

After detailed discussions and after going through the fact on record on the issues discussed above, the State Level Steering-cum- Monitoring Committee approved the proposal furnished below for the year 2020-21 (Table Enclosed)

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