



ANNUAL WORK PLAN & BUDGET 2020 – 2021 (Mid Day Meal Scheme)



TAMIL NADU - STATE



National Programme of Mid Day Meal in Schools (MDMS)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. BRIEF HISTORY

Children can become a nation's highly respectable human resource in future only if they are educated. Hence, the then Chief Minister *Puratchi Thalaivar* MGR started Nutritious Meal Programme in the year 1982 not only to motivate the children to attend school regularly but also to study without the hinder of hunger. Providing Nutritious Meal to the children, will help in the improvement of their health and also encourage education among children which leads to eradication of malnutrition which is the ultimate aim of the Nutritious Meal Programme. Later in the year 1991, the scheme was renamed as PT-MGR Nutritious Meal Programme by Dr. J. Jayalalitha, the then Chief Minister, who not only perceived the scheme but value added by introducing variety meals in the year 2014.

Aim of the Programme:

1. To motivate the children to attend school regularly.
2. Improve the Nutritional status of children
3. Providing Employment opportunities to women thereby empowering their families.

Mile Stones:

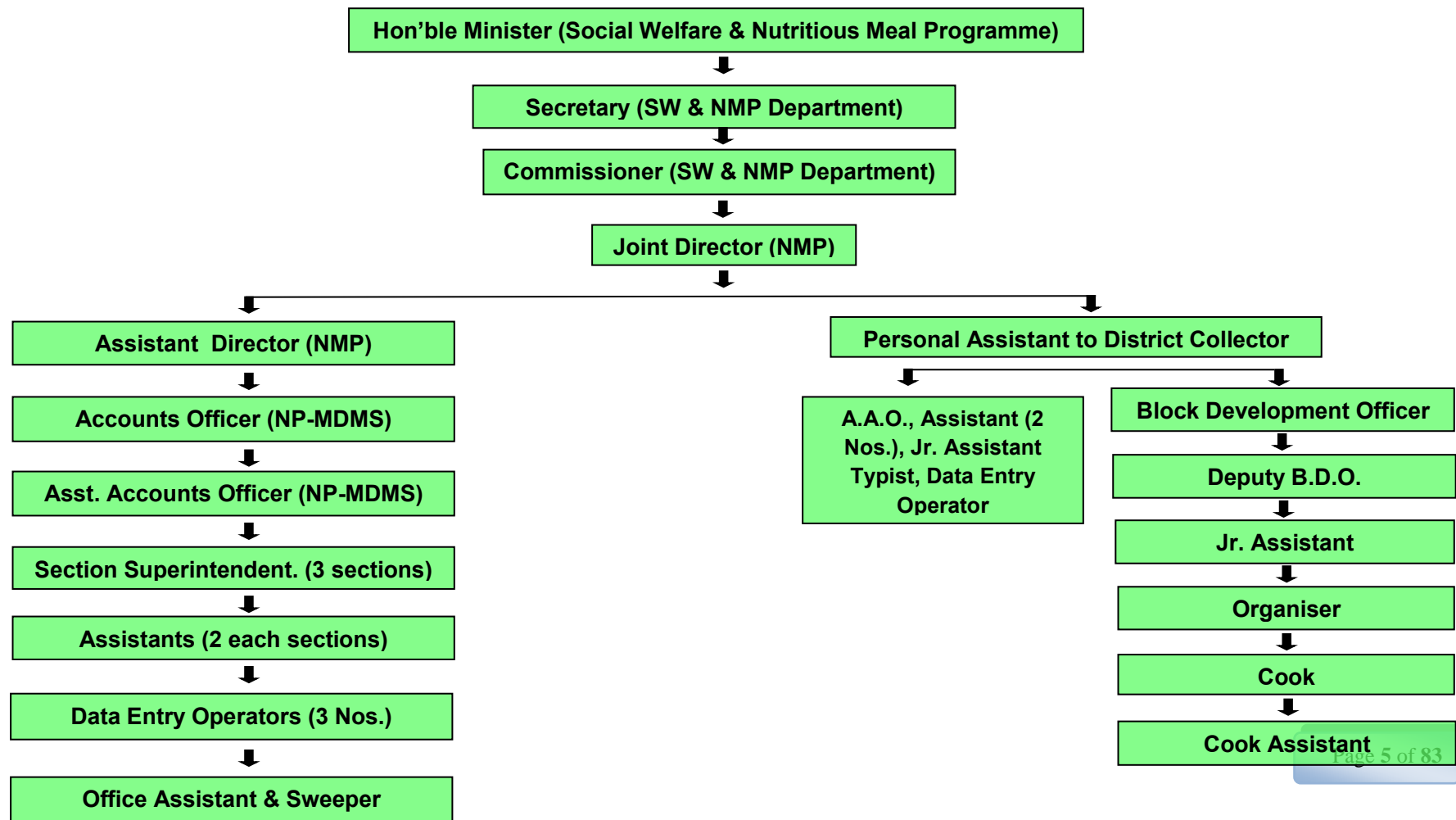
- ❖ Nutritious Meal Programme was introduced on 01.07.1982 in the rural areas to the age group of 2 - 5 years for preschool children in Anganwadi and I - STD to V - STD children in schools.
- ❖ Extended to urban areas from 15.09.1982.
- ❖ Extended to VI-STD to X-STD with effect from 15.09.1984 to both Rural and Urban areas.



1.2. Management structure

The Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Department implements the Programme in the State. The following chart shows the implementation of the scheme from State to Schools.

ORGANIZATION CHART



1.3. Process of Plan Formulation at State and District level.

The BDOs and DBDOs of the respective blocks are visiting the Noon Meal Centres thrice during the month of September every year. Based on the visit of the above said officials the feeding strength is fixing based on the average attendance of the inspections. Accordingly the Annual Work Plan and Budget for the respective year is being prepared.

Due to lockdown imposed in the state to contain the spread of covid-19, the state plan for the year 2020-21 was circulated among the members of the State level steering cum monitoring committee and finally got approved by the Chairman i.e., Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu.

2. Description and assessment of the programme implemented in the current year (2019-20) and proposal For next year (2020-2021) with reference to:

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

Primary School children in the age group of 5-9 years and Upper Primary School Children in the age group of 10-15 years are provided with hot cooked nutritious variety meals on all school working

days inside the school campus itself. The children enrolled under National Child Labour Project Special Schools in 15 Districts viz., Kancheepuram, Vellore, Tiruvannamalai, Namakkal, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Salem, Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruppur, Thiruchirappalli, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Chennai are also provided with hot cooked nutritious variety meals for 312 days in a year. The programme was not stopped for any reason. The wholesomeness of the meal provided is checked at random by various officials visiting schools.

The number of School working days have been reduced as follows due to the implementation of the 144 (Lockdown) from March 16, 2020 – May 3rd 2020 owing to stop the spread of COVID-19 viral infection which may manifest into “Corona”. Hence, the number of mid day meals provided to the beneficiaries are as follows:

Primary	–	198 / 210
Upper Primary	–	209 / 220
NCLP	–	301 / 312

But the Government of Tamil Nadu took efforts to take care of the nutrition of the family by providing Rs.1000/- along with Rice- 15 kg, Dhal- 1 kg, Oil – 1 kg, sugar – 1 kg at free of cost for the 2 months. Also community kitchens were in operation across the state where noon meal kitchen, vessels, employees are utilized and provided food to all who were in need.







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

Out of 43,246 centre's, gas connection has been given to 39,691 centre's. Remaining gas connection works are under progress.

2.3 Details about weekly Menu.

2.3.1 Weekly Menu – Day wise

13 kinds of variety menu with 4 different kinds of egg masala was introduced during 2013 in one pilot block of each district and after studying the success of this scheme, elaborate training was provided to the cooks and field staff in a phased manner and the system was strengthened. From 15.8.2014, the variety meal has been extended to the rest of the blocks in all Districts. The menu of Variety Meals is detailed as follows:-

Days	Images	First and Third Week	Images	Second & Fourth Week
Monday		Vegetable Biryani with Pepper Egg		Sambar Sadham (Bisibelabath) with Onion Tomato Masala Egg.
Tuesday		Black Bengal Gram Pulav with Tomato Masala Egg.		Mixed Meal Maker with Vegetable Rice and Pepper Egg
Wednesday		Tomato Rice with Pepper Egg		Tamarind Rice with Tomato Masala Egg

Thursday		Rice, Sambar and Boiled Egg		Lemon Rice, Sundal and Tomato Egg
Friday		Curry Leaf Rice / Keerai Sadham with Masala Egg and Chilly Fried Potato.		Rice, Sambar and Boiled Egg with Fried Potato.

Per meal cost per student (Variety Menu) – Primary Children

(In Rs.)

Days	Rice	Dhal	Oil	Salt & condi	Veg	Fuel	BB & GG	Potato	Egg	Total
<u>1st week</u>										
Monday (Veg briyani)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.82	0.48	-	-	4.85	6.84
Tuesday (Blackgrampulav)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.82	0.48	1.09	-	4.85	7.93
Wednesday (Tomato Rice)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.82	0.48	-	-	4.85	6.84
Thursday (Sambar Rice)	0	1.16	0.29	0.20	0.70	0.40	-	-	4.85	7.60
Friday (Curry leaf Rice)	0	1.16	0.29	0.20	0.70	0.40	-	0.40	4.85	8.00
<u>2nd Week</u>										
Monday (Bisibelabath)	0	1.16	0.29	0.20	0.70	0.40	-	-	4.85	7.60
Tuesday (Mealmaker Rice)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.82	0.48	-	-	4.85	6.84
Wednesday (Tamarind Rice)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.82	0.48	-	-	4.85	6.84
Thursday (Lemon Rice)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.82	0.48	1.29	-	4.85	8.13

Friday (Sambar Rice)	0	1.16	0.29	0.20	0.70	0.40	-	0.40	4.85	8.00
Total	0	4.64	2.90	3.20	7.72	4.48	2.38	0.80	48.50	74.62
Average	0	0.46	0.29	0.32	0.77	0.45	0.24	0.08	4.85	7.46

Since different menus are followed, the rate of per food also varies. The above table shows the rate of different menus. Thus the average cost of per student per day for primary children has been worked out as **Rs. 7.46**, which is shown in AT – 1 of the Annual Work Plan. So as, the rate admissible for Upper Primary children is also worked out in the following table and the average rate for Upper Primary has been worked out as **Rs. 7.56**.

The State of Tamil Nadu provides mid day meals to IX & X STD children also. On par with the upper primary norms, including rice the per day meal cost for per child for IX & X STD children has been worked out as **Rs. 9.17**. The entire amount is being met out from State funds.

Per meal cost per student (Variety Menu) – Upper Primary Children




(In Rs.)



Days	Rice	Dhal	Oil	Salt& condi	Veg	Fuel	BB& GG	Potato	Egg	Total
<u>1st week</u>										
Monday (Veg briyani)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.92	0.48	-	-	4.85	6.94
Tuesday (Blackgrampulav)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.92	0.48	1.09	-	4.85	8.03
Wednesday (Tomato Rice)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.92	0.48	-	-	4.85	6.94
Thursday (Sambar Rice)	0	1.16	0.29	0.20	0.80	0.40	-	-	4.85	7.70
Friday (Curry leaf Rice)	0	1.16	0.29	0.20	0.80	0.40	-	0.40	4.85	8.10
<u>2nd Week</u>										
Monday (Bisibelabath)	0	1.16	0.29	0.20	0.80	0.40	-	-	4.85	7.70
Tuesday (Meal maker Rice)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.92	0.48	-	-	4.85	6.94

Wednesday (Tamarind Rice)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.92	0.48	-	-	4.85	6.94
Thursday (Lemon Rice)	0	0	0.29	0.40	0.92	0.48	1.29	-	4.85	8.23
Friday (Sambar Rice)	0	1.16	0.29	0.20	0.80	0.40	-	0.40	4.85	8.10
Total	0	4.64	2.90	3.20	8.72	4.48	2.38	0.80	48.50	75.62
Average	0	0.46	0.29	0.32	0.87	0.45	0.24	0.08	4.85	7.56

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

Providing of Additional nutrients

Name of the Commodity		Quantity
	Black Bengal gram	20gms (1 & 3 rd week of Tuesdays)
	Green gram	20gms (2 & 4 th week of Thursdays)
	Potato	20gms (on all Fridays)

	<p style="text-align: center;">Egg</p>	<p>46 to 52gms Agmark specified 'A' medium grade egg (On all School working days)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Banana</p>	<p>100gms (children not willing to take eggs)</p>

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



Fortified Salt in Nutritious Meal

Salt fortified with Iodine and Iron is used according to taste.

FORTIFIED
SAMPOORNA POSHAN
SWASTH JEEVAN



Fortified Palmolein Oil

3 gm of palmolein oil fortified with Vitamin 'A' & 'D' is used in the Nutritious Meal of every child.

2.3.4. At what level menu is being decided / fixed,

Menu is being decided at the State Level in consultation with various Nutritional experts and chefs.

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

The District Officials have been instructed to follow the menu strictly. However flexibility is given in using the locally available vegetables.

2.3.6. Time of serving meal.

Primary Children	–	12:00 Noon to 12:30 P.M
Upper Primary Children	–	12:30 P.M to 1:00 P.M

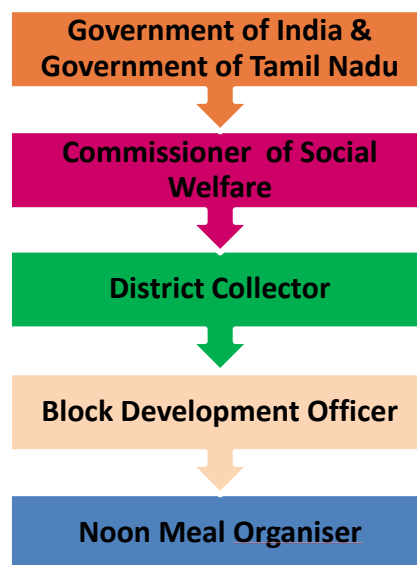
2.4. Fund Flow Mechanism – System for release of funds (Central share and State share)

The Government of Tamil Nadu is providing sufficient funds in the State Budget and distribute to Districts and from Districts to Block Development Officer who inturn distributes to Noon Meal Centers (*Organizers bank account through ECS*) well in advance without waiting for release of central assistance, in order to ensure timely and uninterrupted supply of Mid Day Meals to children. The funds (*contingent fund only*) thus released by the Block Development Officers are credited into the Savings Bank Account of the Nutritious Meal Organizers maintained exclusively for

this purpose. Nutritious Meal Organizers are authorized to draw money required for food grains, Vegetables and fuel charges one week in advance to incur the above expenditure.

2.4.1. Existing mechanism for release of funds Up to School / implementing agency levels.

Fund flow Mechanism



2.4.2. Mode of release of funds at different levels.

2.4.3. Dates when the fund were released to State Authority / Directorate / District / Block / Gram Panchayat and finally to the cooking agency / school

S. No	Installment	GOI to State Government	State Govt. to District level	District to Blocks	Blocks to Noon Meal Organizer
1	Adhoc Grant	29.04.2019	20.04.2019	After the receipt of fund from the State, the District authority redistributes the amount to the blocks within 10 days.	Once in a quarter through ECS the amount towards Vegetables is credited to the account of Noon Meal Organizers.
2	1st Installment	12.09.2019	14.09.2019		
3	2nd Installment partly released	12.12.2019	16.12.2019		

- The grants are being distributed by State Government in routine without waiting for GOI release.

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

No delay in release of funds.

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

Doesn't arise

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

The Government of Tamil Nadu allocates budget every year for the NMP during the end of financial year itself and the funds are allocated to districts when the financial year starts.

2.5. Food grains management

2.5.1. Time lines for lifting of food grains from Food Corporation of India [FCI] Depot – District wise lifting calendar of food grains



Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, once in a quarter lifts the food grains (rice) from FCI and stores in its regional godowns. PAs (NMP), within 5th of every month places indent with Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation. From 5th to 10th TNCSC consolidates the indent and starts supplying the food grains to the Noon Meal Centre's from 15th to 20th of every month. The same procedure is followed for Pulses, Oil and Salt. Only 100% share of GOI funds is settled to FCT, TNCSC after release of funds by getting separate Government orders.

2.5.2. System for ensuring lifting of Fair Average Quality [FAQ] food grains (Joint inspections at the time of lifting etc.,)

- The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, a State owned agency is designated as Nodal Agency to supply food commodities required for Mid Day Meal scheme such as Dhal, oil, Black Bengal Gram / Green gram and Double Fortified Salt to Nutritious Meal Centre's. During the liftment of food

commodities, the respective Regional Manager of the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation visits the godowns and verifies the quality and quantity of food commodities which are supplied to Mid Day Meal Programme. All food commodities are directly supplied to the Noon Meal Centre's by TNCSC.

- District Collectors will ensure that food grains are good quality after joint inspection by a team nominated by the Collector.

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

The quality of rice provided is good and hence the question does not arise. The quality control managers of the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation ensures the quality before lifting the rice from FCI godowns.

2.5.4. System for transportation and distribution of food grains

In Tamil Nadu TNCSC takes the responsibility of transportation of food grains to the School Noon meal centre and no private agencies are involved. Thus timely and good quality food grains are received by the NMCs.



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.

If there are unspent balance of food grains, the same is brought forward in the stock register and the indent for the next month is placed accordingly.

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

The food grains are stored in the Regional godowns of the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation. Based on the indent, every month the food commodities are issued to the Noon Meal Centre's. Every Noon Meal Centre is provided with proper storage facilities to store the food commodities.

2.5.7. System of fortification of food grains and their costing and logistics arrangement.



Rice Fortification: Fortified Rice with 9 Nutrient Contents (*Vitamin A, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Folic Acid, Iron and Zinc*) is being provided to all Nutritious Meal and Anganwadi Centres in five Districts namely, Dharmapuri, Madurai, Thanjavur, Thoothukkudi and the Nilgiris on pilot basis from November 2019. A sum of Rs.529.25 lakhs has been provided under Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiatives (TANII).

2.5.8. Challenges faced and plan to overcome them.

The Noon Meal Employees frequently put forth their demands and participate in strike / demonstration etc., During the strike the state government take it as a challenge and ensures the feeding without any interruption.

2.6. Payment of cost of food grains to FCI.

Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation lifts rice from FCI once in a quarter for which FCI raises bills once in a quarter only. The District Collector (except Chennai) settles the bills to FCI directly once in a quarter through ECS. In Chennai the bills are forwarded to the Commissionerate of Social Welfare and the bills are settled to FCI by the Commissionerate of Social Welfare through ECS.

2.6.1. System for payment of cost of food grains to FCI, whether payments made at district level or State level

The District Collector (Except Chennai) settles the bills to FCI directly once in a quarter through ECS. In Chennai the bills are forwarded to the Commissionerate of Social Welfare and the bills are settled to FCI by the Commissionerate of Social Welfare through ECS.

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

Previous year pending bills for FCI – NIL

Current year FCI bills – All 4 quarters bills have been settled. As on date there is no pendency with FCI.

2.6.3. Timeliness for liquidating the pending bills of previous years(s)

Doesn't arise

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 10.2.2010 to resolve the issues relating to lifting, quality of food grains and payment of bills.

Once in a quarter, the Commissionerate officials sit with FCI and reconcile the status of pending bills. In addition, during the SLMC Meeting the representative from Food Corporation of India participates in the meeting as one of the member of SLMC.

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

Yes, the District Nodal Officers are submitting their report periodically

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

Once in a quarter, the District officials forward the report to Commissionerate on the status of FCI settlement. The Commissionerate officials sit with FCI once in a quarter and reconciles the status of pending bills.

2.6.7. Relevant issues regarding payment to FCI.

NIL

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

No delay in payment of cost 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.**

In order to implement MDM effectively. the Government of Tamil Nadu had created one Noon Meal Organiser, One Cook and One Cook Assistant to each Noon Meal Centre. The above said employees are being paid salary in the special time scale of pay along with DA, HRA, CCA and MA on par with other Government servants. Besides hill and winter allowances are also being paid to the Noon Meal Employees working in the hill stations.

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

The Cook cum Helpers are appointed in special standard time scale by paper notification and verification of certificates by following communal rotation by the District Officers. The place of residence must be within 3 kilometres from the Noon Meal centre. Preference are given to destitute women and widows.

- 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.**

No.

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 made every month directly to their bank accounts through E.C.S from the Treasury.

2.7.5. Whether the CCH were paid on monthly basis.

Yes, the salary to the Noon Meal Employees being paid on the monthly basis.

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

Nil

2.7.7. Rate of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers,

The Noon Meal Employees are being paid with special time scale of pay as indicated below

Organiser – Rs. 7700 – Rs.24200

Cook – Rs. 4100 – Rs. 12,500

Cook Assistant – Rs. 3000 – Rs.9000 along with other allowance as indicated point No.2.7.1.

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

All the Noon Meal Employees are having bank accounts in their name.

2.7.9. Number of CCH receiving honorarium through their bank accounts.

All the Noon Meal Employees are receiving their salary through bank accounts

2.7.10. Provisions for health checkups of cook-cum-helpers ,

During the school Health campaign, health check up is also being conducted to the Noon Meal Employees also.

2.7.11. Whether CCH are wearing head gears and gloves at the time of cooking of meals.

Yes. Hygiene kit (2 aprons, head gear, nail cutter, hand towels and soap) has been supplied to all the Noon Meal Centres.

The Noon Meal Cook and Cook Assistant have been advised to regularly cut their nails, wash hands, feet with soap before commencement of cooking and serving and to keep themselves clean and tidy.

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

Question does not arise.

2.7.13. Mechanisms adopted for the training of cook-cum-helpers. Total number of trained cook-cum-helpers engaged in the cooking of MDMs. Details of the training modules; Number of Master trainers available in

the State; Number of trainings organized by the Master Trainers for training cook-cum-helpers.

The cook and cook assistant have been given training through Hotel Management and catering technology , Chennai, Every year training is being given to all the Cook and Cook Assistant with regard to cooking of Mid Day meal, Personal hygiene, maintenance of kitchen cum store room etc., through Food Safety Officers, Medical Officer, Fire Safety Officers and Child Development Project Officers.

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

In Tamil Nadu, all the Noon Meal Employees are getting more than Rs.60,000 per month and their salary exceeds Rs. 72,000/- per annum the social security schemes are not covered to them. The Noon Meal Employees (Noon Meal Organizer, Cook and Cook Assistant) under New Health Insurance Scheme are provided health care assistance up to the limit of Rs.4.00 lakh in a block of 4 years. The above scheme extended in the name of “New Health Insurance Scheme 2016” and implemented with effect from 01-07-2016.



Health Department Officials checking the quality of food served under MDM



2.8. Procurement and storage of cooking ingredients and condiments

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

Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation has been entrusted with the work of supplying food grain like, Rice, Toor dhal, Black Bengal Gram, Green Gram and Oil directly to Noon Meal Centre's. Double Fortified Salt is being supplied to the Noon Meal Centre's by Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation.

The officials have *been* instructed to procure fresh and quality vegetables through "Hub and Spokes" methodology and also by placing indents with Agricultural Marketing Federation. Regarding the procurement of condiments, instructions have been issued to procure quality condiments in co-operative societies for which sufficient funds have been credited to the bank accounts of the Noon Meal Organizers well in advance.



2.8.2. Whether pulses are being procured from NAFED or otherwise.

In Tamil Nadu the pulses such as Toor dhal, Black Bengal gram and Green gram are procured from NAFED and supplied to the Noon Meal Centre's through Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation and the payment for the same is also being made through TNCSC.

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

YES. The Noon Meal Employees have been instructed to use the stocks (i.e, First in First out) before the expiry date.



District Officials checking the egg weight



PA (NMP) Trichy, checking the expiry date of oil packets

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

The Noon Meal Employees have been instructed to clean and dry the cooking and serving utensils properly every day after use. Ingredients are stored in proper containers, which is protected from moisture, pests etc., Ingredients used for cooking, food grains, pulses, vegetables, cooking oil and condiments is free from adulteration and pest infestation, and used only after proper cleaning and washing.

2.8.5. Steps taken to ensure implementation of guidelines dated 13.2.2015 on food safety and hygiene in school level kitchens under Mid Day Meal Scheme.

Training is imparted to Cooks and Cook Assistants regarding Food Safety, fire safety, personal hygiene and hygienic cooking. During 2020, a Special training has been given to the District officers for three days at a cost of Rs. 5.10 lakhs.

CCH Training:



Since the State Government has fixed menu to be adopted in Noon Meal Centres. So far 50,015 Cook cum helpers have been trained in cooking.

Vide G.O. (Ms) No 40, SW & NMP (SW 4-2) Dept., Dated 30.4.2015 each Noon Meal Centre has been provided with Rs.50/- per month as contingency fund to meet the contingency expenditure such as purchase of cleaning materials like soap, broomstick, phenyl etc.,

Vide Government letter No. 10404 / NMP / 2013-1, Dated 17.7.2013 a circular has been issued to all District Collectors to instruct all the stakeholders to take all possible precautionary measures so that, the untoward

incident occurs during the implementation of the programme. Further the District Collectors have been requested to instruct all the officials to maintain the Noon Meal Centre's in a hygienic manner.

Children are encouraged with the habit of hand wash with soap before and after eating food. The Noon Meal Employees have been instructed to promote hand wash in co-ordination with the Teachers.

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

A printed Hand book have been supplied to all the Noon Meal Centres. Besides posters have been supplied to all the Noon Meal Centres in Tamil Nadu.

2.9. Type of Fuel used for cooking of Mid Day Meals- LPG, smokeless chulha, firewood etc.,

Out of 43246 centre's, gas connection has been given to 39,691 centre's. Remaining gas connection works are in under progress, where firewood is being used as fuel.



2.9.1. Number of Schools using LPG for cooking MDM

There are 39,691 Noon Meal Centre's using LPG for cooking MDM.

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

Upto 2013-2014, 6,257 noon meal centre's had been provided with gas connection. A sum of Rs. 81.27 crore was sanctioned vide G.O. (Ms) No. 59, SW & NMP (SW 4-3) Dept, Dated 17.12.2014 for providing gas connection to the remaining 36,362 noon meal centre's. The entire amount was met out from the state funds. So far, gas connection has been provided to 39,691 noon meal centre's and the remaining works are under progress.

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

As per the Government order, gas connection works can be carried out under MLA constituency Development Scheme also. Hence whenever the kitchen cum stores is newly constructed and gas connection will be given immediately through MLA CDs. So far 6,963 gas connections were provided to the Noon Meal Centre's through MLA-CDs.

2.10. Kitchen-cum-stores.

2.10.1. Procedure for construction of kitchen-cum-store,

Government of India and State Government have sanctioned funds in the ratio 75:25 for the construction of 28,470 Kitchen cum Stores in Government Schools from 2006-2007 onwards. As on 31.03.2020, 28136 constructions have been completed. The Principal Secretary to Government and Commissioner of Social

Welfare review the subject with the PAs NMP during periodical monthly meetings. In addition Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj is also reviewing the subject and necessary action is being taken to complete the construction process.

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

The Public Works Department has given four types of design to be adopted during the Construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores.



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

The Construction work is handed over to the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj. The Engineers and officials of the above said Department monitors and supervise the construction work.



2.10.4. Kitchen cum stores constructed through convergence, if any

Under Part-II Scheme, State Government has allocated funds for the construction of 142 kitchen-cum-stores. Through MLA CDS 659 number of kitchen cum stores have been constructed.

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

Sl. No	Year	Total sanctioned		Completed (C)		In progress (IP)		Yet to start	
		Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)
1	2006-2007	457	274.30	457	274.30	0	0	0	0.00
2	2007-2008	1034	620.40	1034	620.40	0	0.00	0	0.00
3	2008-2009	3804	2282.40	3448	2068.80	22	13.20	334	200.40
4	2010-2011	9045	14853.00	8937	14690.92	108	162.08	0	0.00
5	2012-2013	14130	26977.50	13916	25389.35	214	1588.15	0	0.00
Total		28470	45007.60	27792	43043.77	344	1763.43	334	200.40

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

NIL

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

NIL

2.10.8. Details of the Kitchen –cum-stores constructed in convergence. Details of the agency engaged for the Construction of these kitchens cum stores.

NIL

2.11. Kitchen Devices

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

Kitchen devices upto 2010-11, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 have been procured and supplied at Block level. Centralised purchase has been done for the year 2012-13 and 2019-20 by following the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Act 1998 and Rules 2000.

2.11.2. Status of procurement of kitchen devices

S.No	Year	No. of Kitchen devices procured (New)	Replacement
1	2006-2007	8124	0
2	2007-2008	15020	0
3	2008-2009	8526	0
4	2009-2010	9615	0
5	2012-2013	0	17312
6	2013-2014	6979	5831
7	2014-2015	6032	8526
8	2015-2016	0	9615
9	2019-2020	0	6319

Total	54296	47603
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2.11.3. Procurement of Kitchen devices through convergence, or community / CSR

The State funds allocated for the procurement of kitchen devices is distributed to the Districts and procurement is made at District level. 7367 Kitchen Devices through convergence have also been provided to 4 Districts namely, Chennai-1475, Karur-1473, Krishnagiri-1473, Salem – 1473 & Theni – 1473.

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

All children are provided with Plates and Tumblers. Plates and Tumblers are procured from State Funds and under MME funds.



Kadai & Karandi



Plates



Dabara with Lid



Mixies



Grinder

2.12. Measures taken to rectify

- 2.12.1. Inter-district low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost
- 2.12.2. 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)

District Collectors have been requested to lift rice from TNCSC with reference to requirement as per beneficiaries list. However, mismatch in utilization of food grains and low and uneven utilization of food grains is bound to occur due to various factors. For instance, tentative school working days for the next academic year as reported by the Education Department of the State is considered by the Government of India and food entitlement fixed. Similarly, the number of beneficiaries are also fixed tentatively. Even though month-wise tentative school working days are furnished in the AWP, rice allotment is fixed on quarterly basis which means allocation of rice is not fixed strictly with reference to number of working days in a quarter. However, the requirement of rice vary every month with reference to the number of working days in a month so also the actual number of students enrolled under the scheme. But, while making supply, it is reported that the Food Corporation of India reduce the stock in hand as reported by the District Collector and supply only the balance and hence there is under- liftment of food grain. In addition the State Government implements the scheme to 9th and 10th standard children also. Hence, State rice is also lifted and used for cooking. Due to the above said reasons there is uneven utilization of food grains.

For cooking cost, the State Government provide required funds in the State budget itself without waiting for receipt of fund from the Government of India and the budget provision is reallocated to District and Block /Local Body level. At Block level/Local Body level, funds for the purchase of vegetables, condiments, fuel are released to Nutritious Meal Centre's in advance for every quarter.

The above fund is transferred to the Savings Bank account of the Noon Meal Organizer through ECS or through DD. The Noon Meal Organizers have been permitted to draw money required for one week in advance so that they can purchase fresh vegetables, greens and condiments from the local market, and pay for fuel including the cost of gas cylinder. Hence there is no chance for delay in release of funds from State, District level down to Noon Meal Centre.

2.13. Quality of food

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

Necessary instructions have been issued by the Education Department for tasting the food by the Teachers and to maintain a taste register also. In addition the Commissionerate of Social Welfare has insisted the Noon Meal Cooks and Cook Assistant to taste the food $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour before serving the food to the Children. The same is strictly followed in all the schools.



Food tasted by the Tiruvarur
District Collector

Food tasted by the PA (NMP)

Food tasted by the Teacher

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

Circular has been issued to maintain the roster of parents for tasting Mid Day Meal on each day. However the mothers are coming only in some schools.

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

Cooked food is being tested through Government food testing laboratories such as King Institute, Chennai, Government food testing lab, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai, Thanjavur and Tirunelveli. Food Safety containers have been procured and given to all blocks which maintains the temperature till it reaches the lab.

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

The testing is done at Government Food testing labs only.

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

The meals usually 500 grams are drawn in the food safety container by the food safety officers and ensures that the samples reaches the lab within 2 hours. The protocol given by FSSAI is being followed by the Food Safety Officer. Monthly 2 to 3 samples are drawn randomly from the block Noon Meal Centres of the Districts. Micro Biological Analysis for total plate count, E.Coli, staphylococcus aureus, salmonella is being done.

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

S.No.	District	Name of the Accredited / Recognised lab engaged for testing	Number of samples		Result (No. of samples)		Remarks
			Collected	Tested	Meeting norms	Below norms	
1		2	4	5	6	7	8
1	Chennai	King Institute, Guindy, Chennai-32	7	7	7	–	Conforms to provisions with respect of Microbiological Parameters of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 and Rules and Regulation made there under
2	Coimbatore	Food Analysis Laboratory, Coimbatore	36	36	36	–	
3	Salem	Government Food Analysis Laboratory, Salem	14	14	–	–	Report yet to be received
4	Madurai	Government Food Analysis Laboratory, Madurai	81	81	81	–	Conforms to provisions with respect of Microbiological Parameters of Food Safety and Standards Act 2006 and Rules and Regulation made there under

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

All the cook cum helpers have been trained to maintain the quality of food as per guidelines. The School Headmasters, Block Development Officers, District Level Officers, Block Food Safety Officers, are inspecting the Noon Meal Centres regularly and checking the quality of food. The children are also enquired about the taste of food during their visits. If there are any discrepancies found, strict disciplinary action is being initiated against the Noon Meal Employees.

As per the GOI information's and FSSAI Act of 2013, on a pilot basis, 14 districts have been linked to the 4 testing labs in 4 districts which is of reachable distance. Food samples are being taken by the designated officers from the centres and are handed over to the labs.

In all Noon Meal Centres, the sample of food will be taken and retained in a clean glass vessel daily for checking in case of emergency.



Food testing at various levels in the Food testing laboratory at Coimbatore

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

Does not arise.

- 2.14.1. Modalities for engagement of NGOs / Trusts / Temples / Gurudwara / Jails etc, for serving of MDM through centralized kitchen
- 2.14.2. Whether NGOs / Trusts / Temples / Gurudwara / Jails etc. are serving meal in rural areas
- 2.14.3. Maximum distance and time taken for delivery of food from centralized kitchen to schools
- 2.14.4. Measures taken to ensure delivery of hot cooked meals to schools.
- 2.14.5. Responsibility of receiving cooked meals at the schools from the centralized kitchen
- 2.14.6. Whether sealed / insulated containers are used for supply of meals to schools
- 2.14.7. Tentative time of delivery of meals at schools from Centralised kitchen
- 2.14.8. Availability of weighing machines for weighing the cooked MDM at school level prepared at Centralized kitchen
- 2.14.9. Testing of food samples at centralized kitchen
- 2.14.10. Whether NGO / Trusts / Temples / Gurudwara / Jails etc. is receiving grant from other organization for the mid day meal. If so, the details thereof.

NIL

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

Instructions have been issued to all the officials concerned to provide with Display board in all the Noon Meal Centres in which the details about the menu, student strength and the food norms entitled are to be displayed and should be updated every day. Most of the schools have scrupulously followed the instructions and are regularly updating the display board. In addition to this MDM logo is also been painted in the Display Board.



2.15.2. Dissemination of information through MDM website

A separate website www.middaymeal.tn.gov.in has been created and given a link in the MDM website. Also in our website MDM website link is given. All the District and Block officials have been instructed to see the website regularly.



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

In every school, a roaster for teachers is being maintained by which every day the implementation of the scheme is being monitored. In addition the mothers of the children are also requested to watch the programme by participating in tasting the meals and also serving the meals, if needed.

2.15.4. Tasting of meals by community members,

Necessary instructions have been issued by the Education Department for tasting the food by the Teachers and to maintain a taste register also. In addition the Commissioner of Social Welfare has insisted the Noon Meal Cooks and Cook Assistant to taste the food ½ an hour before serving the food to the Children. The same is strictly followed in all the schools.



Tasting of food by Teachers



Tasting of food by Noon Meal Organizer

2.15.5. Conducting Social Audit

2.15.5.1. Whether Social Audit has been carried out or not

Social Audit have been conducted in the years 2013 at Madurai, Virudhunagar through Mother Teresa university & TVV college. The Social Audit was successful and the public have opined about the good function of the NMC.

In the year 2018 – 2019, an evaluation study was undertaken by the department of Social welfare, Loyola College in Tiruvallore District.

Again to involve participation of community and parents of Noon Meal Beneficiaries, Government issued instructions to keep the Noon Meal Centres performance and account in the Grama Sabha held during Independence day have placed their accounts before Grama Sabhas.

2.15.5.2. If no, in 2.15.5.1, reasons thereof.

Does not arise.

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

It was found in Government Aided Schools the enrolment versus beneficiary is drastically less. The District Collectors have been instructed to verify the enrolment versus actual beneficiaries. The Evaluation and Applied Research Department have also been requested to conduct a study across the state.

2.15.5.4. Impact of social audit in the schools

The quality has been increased. Parents and the public have become more aware of Mid Day Meal and have realized the need for their involvement.

2.15.5.5. Action plan for Social Audit during 2020-2021.

The Director of Social Audit under National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme has been entrusted with the task of conducting of Social Audit. Social Audit will be conducted in 100 Noon Meal Centres across the state during the year.



After the conduct of Social Audit the involvement of parents, teachers and community towards the functioning of NMC is found to be increased.

This year across the State 100 centre's will be Social audited through SASIRA.

2.16. Capacity building and training for different stakeholders

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

Training programmes are organized at regular intervals to orient the employees on Nutrition, Health, Personal Hygiene like regular cutting of nails, washing hands and feet with soap before commencement of cooking / serving and on food preparation. Training has been given on maintenance of hygiene, cleaning of cooking and serving utensils, storage and environmental protection in the disposal of wastage.



Training given to Noon Meal Employees by Chef



Training given by TOTs to other employees

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

In vernacular language booklets have been printed and distributed to the Noon Meal Employees.



Chef Mr. Damodaran giving training to Noon Meal Employees

2.16.3. Targets for the next year.

This year training has been planned for various levels viz Dy. BDOs, Noon Meal Organisers, teachers, the Assistant Accounts Officers and the District Level Officials.

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

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

Unique username / passwords are allotted to every block / District. In the month of January of every year Annual Entries are made by the blocks. After September keeping in view the strength fixation necessary re entries / corrections are made. Monthly entries are made at the Block level at the completion of every month based on the details collected from the Noon Meal Centre's. The details such

beneficiaries, cooking cost incurred, staff strength etc., are collected from the Organizers of the Noon Meal Centre's at block levels.

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

The online data entries are made at the Block level and Monitored at District level.

2.17.3. Availability of manpower for web based MIS

Out of 385 blocks in the State Data Entry operator (on contract basis) post is filled up only in 332 blocks. At District level in all 32 Districts Data Entry Operators are available.

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

At District level the PA (NMP)s monitoring the status of online entry made by each block, reports are generated and reviewed every month by the PA (NMP) / District Collector with the BDOs / Deputy Block Development Officers of the blocks. Similarly at State level, District wise reports are generated both for Annual entry and monthly entry and the same is critically reviewed with the PA (NMP)s. At State level the progress is cleanly watched by JD (NMP) and AD (Monitoring). Necessary instructions are issued in the District Collectors to ensure timely data entry and quality of data.

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

At District level the progress on the construction of kitchen-cum-stores in the Noon Meal Centres, number of children taking Noon Meal, Cooking cost incurred etc., are being monitored by the PA (NMP) through the reports generated from MIS.

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

2.18.1. Status of implementation of AMS



A sample study on the district wise SMS reporting statement as on 28.1.2020 reveals that Salem District stands at maximum reporting status of 99.83% and the overall percentage is 77.35%.

Instructions have been given to the District Collectors as well as to the Director of School Education and Director of Elementary Education to pull up the staff for achieving 100% SMS reporting. The District Collectors have also been addressed to conduct special meetings of the block level staff along with the officials of Education Department and also with Headmasters of schools for emphasizing the need of this SMS reporting system through D.O. letters.

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

The daily SMS reporting of the present & feeding strength of school children is made by the respective Head masters/Headmistress of schools and also in turn to the officials of Education Department.

2.18.3. Tentative unit cost for collection of data

Component	Unit Cost (including TAX)
Service Package (Express) Annual Charge	448,400/-
Database Editions Annual Charges	188,800/-
Bulk SMS Annual Charges @ 0.15 paise	30,97,500/-
Integration & Maintenance Charges Annual Charge	70,800/-
Total Annual Charges for SMS based tracking system Monitoring system for NMP	38,05,500/-

2.18.4. Mechanism for ensuring timely submission of information by schools

The Headmaster/Headmistress or authorized person (2 teachers) by the Headmasters of respective school is alone is responsible for reporting of the daily feeding strength of students under SMS reporting system.

2.18.5. Whether the information under AMS is got validated

The information under SMS is validated through BSNL Chennai Telephones.

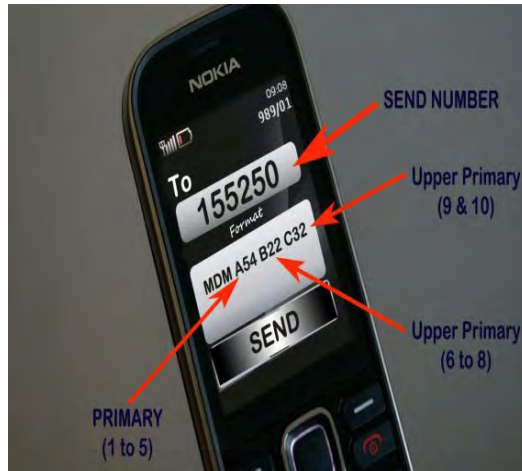
2.18.6. Whether AMS data is being used for monitoring purpose and details thereof

Yes, SMS data are being utilized for monitoring purpose also.

2.18.7. In case, AMS has not been rolled out, the reasons therefore may be indicated along with the time lines

by which it would be rolled out.

The SMS reporting system has been rolled out through the Headmasters of the respective schools. The District Collectors are also being given instructions to the Headmasters to roll out 100% SMS monitoring system through the Chief Educational Officer / District Educational Officer.



Nodal Teacher & HM Sending SMS

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

During 2017-2018, M/s. Sigma Evaluation Research and Consulting (p) Ltd, New Delhi had conducted a study on the implementation of the Programme 3 blocks each in the Districts of Kancheepuram, Madurai and the Nilgiris and furnished their report and appreciated the implementation of the programme.

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

4 set of school Uniforms, Free books, school Bags and Geometry box are provided for the children out of State funds for enhancing enrolment.



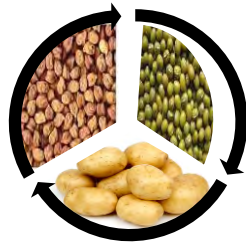
Eggs are served to all children from 1st std to 10th std on all 5 working days. Coloring scheme for eggs for each day of the week, with impression “Tamil Nadu Arasu” (Tamil Nadu Government) to prevent pilferage and staleness.



- Banana weighing 100 gms is provided for non egg eating children @ Rs. 3.50 per banana.
- 20 gms of Black Bengal gram / Green gram is provided to children taking into consideration the present day

protein, vitamins and calorific needs of the children.

- Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation supplies rice, dhal, oil and salt at the doorsteps of the Noon Meal Centre's in order to ensure quality and quantity.
- 20 gms of boiled potatoes on all Fridays to supplement carbohydrates.
- Double Fortified Salt and fortified Oil is used for cooking in order to prevent the children from Iodine / Iron deficiency thereby eradicating goiter.



- To facilitate the cooking process involved in the variety meals, all the Noon Meal Centre's have been provided with mixies & Grinders.



- As a special initiative millet programme was introduced to children in Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts.



- As a special initiative from 2013 onwards Social Audit has been introduced under mid day meal programme, to monitor the quantity and quality of foodgrains, preparation of food, and quality of food served to the children.
- In each Noon Meal Centre an Organizer, one cook and one cook assistant are employed for the implementation of the scheme. The Noon Meal Employees are provided with Special Time Scale of Pay. Their salary is credited to the respective employee's bank account through ECS.
- In addition they are also provided with Festival Advance.



- All retired Noon Meal Employees are provided with a monthly pension of Rs. 2000/-.
- During retirement the organizer is given with Rs. 1,00,000/- and Cook & Cook Assistant with Rs. 50,000/- as lumpsum payment. In addition a sum of Rs. 10,000/- is provided as Special Provident Fund.

- All categories of NMC staff are enrolled in PF Scheme. Allotment of account numbers by the Government Data centre is in progress.
- Eligible Women Noon Meal Employees are giving promotion as per seniority as Rural Welfare Officer (Women) under regular time scale of pay.
- The legal heir of the Noon Meal employee who dies while in service is provided employment on compassionate grounds.

- As per the Hon'ble Prime Ministers call to the nation with regard to Swachh Gandhi Jayanthi, the Hon'ble CM of Tamil Nadu launched the same on 15.09.17 in Chennai. The plan for the activities was from 17.09.2017 to 02/10/2018. Accordingly all Noon Meal Centres were cleaned and spruced up. Surroundings were kept clean free of garbage.



Other valuable initiatives

Weighing scale (To weigh the food commodities)

In order to weigh the food commodities including eggs all the Noon Meal Centres have been provided with Digital weighing scales weighing 1 gm to 10 kg at a cost of **Rs. 185.76 lakhs** through Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation.



Weighing scale (to weigh the children) :

In order to weigh the weight of the children it was decided to provide 3268 weighing scale @ cost of **Rs. 45.75 lakhs** to 4 Districts namely, Ariyalur, Ramnad, Salem and Virudhunagar.

Hygiene Kit

For cooking the meals hygienically all the noon meal cook / cook assistants have been provided with 2 aprons, 1 head cap, 1 nailcutter, 5 hand towels, 6 antiseptic soaps at a cost of **Rs. 500/- each**.





IEC activities :

Posters:

All the Noon Meal Centres have been provided with 3 posters in 3 different themes and hand manuals regarding the instructions to follow the Noon Meal Employees while cooking, serving, personal hygiene at a cost of **Rs. 64.81 lakhs.**

Short film :

A short film creating awareness regarding the benefit of the noon meal has been produced at a cost of **Rs. 3.17 lakhs.**



Website

Website has been created regarding NMP function and day to day activities www.middaymeal.tn.gov.in



Digitalization

Software has been created regarding the Data of the Noon Meal Employees such as Name of the Employees, Date of Joining, Date of Retirement, Pay etc.,



NOON MEALS PROGRAM DATABASE

Login Register



Online grievance :

Software was created at a cost of Rs. 5.00 lakhs to register complaints, comments regarding the implementation of the scheme, suggestion to improve the scheme by way of tracking.

Awards

It has been decided to provide awards to the Noon Meal Employees each of the districts on the aspects of maintenance of the Noon Meal Centres, cooking and serving hygienically, Personal hygiene, punctuality etc.,



Training to Noon Meal Employees

Training is imparted to Cooks and Cook Assistants regarding Food Safety, fire safety, personal hygiene and hygienic cooking. During 2020, a Special training has been given to the District officers for three days at a cost of Rs. 5.10 lakhs.

Kitchen garden

Kitchen garden has been setup to all the Noon Meal Centres in co-ordination with the Horticulture Department except Nilgiris. Lemon Plants have been provided to Nilgiris district based on the climatic condition.



Fortification of Rice

Rice Fortification: Fortified Rice with 9 Nutrient Contents (*Vitamin A, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Folic Acid, Iron and Zinc*) are provided to all Nutritious Meal and Anganwadi Centres in five Districts namely, Dharmapuri, Madurai, Thanjavur, Thoothukkudi and the Nilgiris on pilot basis from November 2019. A sum of Rs.529.25 lakhs has been provided under Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiatives (TANII).

Tithi Bhojan

On 02.10.2018 the 150th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. Tithi Bhojan was held to all the Noon Meal Centres with public contribution.



Poshan Abhiyan :

Activities of Poshan Abhiyan was held in 6,152 Noon Meal Centre's in Tamil Nadu, there are 12,38,296 participants have attended.

2.21. Untoward incidents

2.21.1. Instances of unhygienic food served, children falling ill

Children falling ill by consuming food in the MDM centres if any noticed, the noon meal employees and the Headmaster of the Schools are immediately giving first aid to the children through the nearby Government Hospitals / PHC etc. If necessary they are being admitted in the nearby Government hospitals and giving treatment. The District Collectors are also intervening and sort out the issues immediately.

2.21.2. Sub-standard supplies,

Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation supplies rice, dhal, oil and salt at the doorsteps of the Noon Meal Centres in order to ensure quality and quantity. Hence there is no substandard supplies.

2.21.3. Diversion / misuse of resources,

Noon Meal centres are subjected to yearly audit by the Local Fund Audit Department to monitor the expenditure at the centre level. Audit by Treasuries and Accounts Department at the Block / District / State levels, and random audit by the Accountant General, at State, District and Block levels are the agencies involving in monitoring the scheme. If any misuse of funds is being identified, then the person responsible has to pay one and half times of the amount as recovery to the Government.

2.21.4. Social discrimination

There is no Social discrimination in Tamil Nadu.

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

NIL

2.22. Status of Rastriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (School Health Programme)

Under Rashtria Bal Swasthya Karyakram, health checkups have been carried out to 4982580 children. Provision of micro- nutrients, de-worming medicine, Iron and Folic acid (WIFS).

The Health Department takes up Health Checkup Camps under School Health Programme and at regular intervals children are provided with Iron tablets. Anemia and vitamin deficiency cases are also treated by giving Ferrous Sulphate with Folic Acid tablets – IP, Vitamin B complex tablets, NFI (Prophylactic) and Vitamin-C tablets to children, in the age group of 6 – 11 years. Weekly Iron and Folic acid tables given to 34,88,506 children. De-worming tablets are also administered with Albendazole 400 mg. Totally 7340460 tablets have been administered. Morbidity defects identified and treated (which are common ailments).

For goitre control besides educating the children in the importance of consumption of iodized salt to prevent iodine deficiency level disorder including goitre, double fortified salt (DFS) is used in the preparation of Mid Day Meals in the centre, under this scheme. This aims at controlling and preventing iron and iodine deficiency and anemia, which are the most common nutritional disorders widely prevalent among children in the age group of 2-15 years. Eye camps are also conducted under the School Health programme

2.22.1. Distribution of spectacles to children with refractive error,

For the period 1.4.2019 to 31.1.2020, 49,82,580 children have been screened for eye defects and spectacles have been distributed to 1,90,638 children.

2.22.2. Recording of height, weight etc.

Under School Health Programme, every child is being provided with Health Card in which height, weight and other details about health are recorded. Children are encouraged with the habit of hand washing before and after having noon meals.



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

Once in a quarter the team of Doctors visits the school and Health Checkups are done.

Controlling of spread of Dengue and awareness camp:

Children have been made aware of the dangers of dengue and as a preventive measure “Nila Vembu” a medical herbal potion is freely distributed by the Health Department.



Health check up conducted by a doctor



Controlling of spread of Dengue and awareness camp



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

To ensure that all Nutritious Meal Centres are inspected and to monitor the implementation of the programme, various levels of officials have been instructed to inspect centres and conduct surprise checks at the time of feeding on the quality and quantity of food cooked and served, on the number of children fed, the stock on hand, registers maintained etc. Targets have been fixed for each official. The following are the details of target fixed among the officials.

Designation of Official	No.of Centres
District Collector	10 Centres
PA to Collector (NMP),	20 Centres

Chennai Corporation Commissioner	10 Centres
Commissioner of Municipalities	20 Centres
District Project Officer, ICDS	30 Centres
Block Development Officer	40 Centres
Assistant Educational Officer, Chennai Corporation	10 Centres
Other Corporation Commissioners	10 Centres
Child Development Project Officer	60 Centres

- Once in six months, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu takes up the review of every scheme in which the implementation of noon meal programme is also monitored.
- There is a monitoring cell functioning at Secretariat headed by Secretary to Government and assisted by Deputy Secretary and his team. The implementation of the scheme is monitored by conducting review meetings once in 15 days by Secretary to Government.
- Review meeting to watch the progress of expenditure is also being conducted by the Planning Development Department with the officials of the Secretariat and Commissionerate of Social Welfare.
- In the Commissionerate also there is a monitoring cell headed by the Commissioner of Social Welfare assisted by Joint Director (NMP) and team. So as at Districts, the scheme is being monitored by the District Collectors. Each District / Block has been provided with pucca management structure to monitor the programme at different levels.



Hon'ble Member of Parliament Thiru. R. Parthiban, Theni District conducting a meeting



Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and NMP having discussions with PA (NMP), AAOs and NMP officials regarding the implementation of the Scheme



Hon'ble Minister for SW & NMP interacting with the school children



District Collector – inspecting a school

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

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

52 meetings under the Chairmanship of District Collector have been conducted during the year 2019-20 and 380 block level steering Committee Meetings have been conducted. Mainly the distribution of Food commodities ontime, quality of the commodities, tasting of food by the teachers and the Noon Meal Staffs sending of SMS by the teachers and cleanliness and hygiene around the kitchen were the points of discussion.

2.24.2. Action taken on the decisions taken during these meetings.

In District level, the Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee is held according to the convenient time of the M.P. However, the District Collectors conducts meeting regularly once in a month and monitors the implementation of the programme.

The PA (NMPs) of the Districts conducts meeting with the BDOs every month.

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.

11 Meetings with Member of Parliaments and 52 meetings under the Chairmanship of District Collector have been conducted during the year 2019-20. The implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme in each of the Districts have been discussed during the meeting. The issues discussed were

1. The supply of food commodities to the Noon Meal Centres with Senior Regional Manager, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation,
2. Sending of messages by the Head Masters/Teachers with Chief Educational Officers.
3. Inspections carried out by the BDOs and the District Officials.
4. The RBSK health intervention programmes

5. Formation of kitchen Garden with the help of Horticulture/Agriculture Department Officials.
6. Distribution and consumption of eggs.

Instructions are being issued by the District Collectors to all the Monitoring Committee Members to carry out inspections to implement the programme effectively.



District Level Steering cum Monitoring Committee Meeting –Krishnagiri District Headed by Thiru. K. Ashok Kumar, M.P. and District Collector Krishnagiri Thiru. C. Kathiravan I.A.S., addressing the meeting.

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

The monthly targets for inspection of Noon Meal Centres have been fixed by the Government as follows:

Designation of Official	No. of Centres
District Collector	10 Centres
PA to Collector (NMP),	20 Centres
BDO	40 Centres
Corporation Commissioners	10 Centres.

The District Officials monthly diaries are being reviewed every month at Commissionerate. The targets of the District officials are completed and it is found that 20% of Noon Meal Centres have been inspected by them. Similarly around 30 to 40% of Noon Meal Centres have been inspected Block officials. For the reduction in stock double recovery is being imposed and disciplinary actions for severe irregularities like suspension and increment cut have been imposed. For minor irregularities explanations are being called for.

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.

Under contingency plan necessary important phone numbers have been entitled in all Noon Meal Centres during the year 2014-15 & 2015-16.



2.28. Grievance Redressal Mechanism

2.28.1. Details regarding Grievance Redressal at all levels,

To ensure Transparency, public can access, 1800-425-8971 Toll free number at State level or through Internet "<http://www.middaymeal.tn.gov.in> – Online complaint” to register their feedback / complaints about the activities of Nutritious Meal Programme.

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

NIL

2.28.3. Time schedule for disposal of complaints,

Complaint if any received it will be sorted out immediately on the day itself.

2.28.4. Details of action taken on the complaints.

NIL

2.29. Details regarding Awareness Generation & Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities and Media campaign, carried out at State/District/Block/School Level.

Under contingency funds, the Districts carryover IEC activities like, Printing of Pamphlets, Establishing stalls at Trade Fair and at times rally is also conducted for creating awareness among the public and school student about the implementation of the programme. For the current year 16.00 lakhs has been released by the State Government for the above said purpose.



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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.

It is an incontrovertible fact that Nutritious Meal Programme has exerted a positive influence on enrolment and attendance in schools. This scheme have not only fulfilled the basic requirement of children but also motivated and supported their families to have a comfortable school education without any hindrance. The statistical records of diminishing school dropouts and increase in the percentage of marks and quality of learning is definitely a proof of the commendable implementation of the programme.

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

This work is being attended by the School Education Department. So far 90 % of the Noon Meal Beneficiaries have been enrolled with the Aadhaar.

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

Yes. Tithi Bhojan named as Nalvirundhu has been taken off in some centres with the help of community, NGOs, Social Organisations. Additional food items like vada, kesari/payasam, fry arms, vegetable biriyani, Poori, Bananas are being provided in plantain leaves. Which gives a very good feel among the children and the donors. Also Stainless steel serving vessels, Plastic Bins, Gas Stoves, Mats, Note books are also contributed by the donors in some schools.



2.33. Kitchen Gardens

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

The school wise details is yet to be collected. It will be submitted after the lockdown period is over.

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

Instructions have been issued to interact with KVK and use their technology. Also Block Agricultural and Horticulture Officers have been instructed to monitor the programme.

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

The place for kitchen garden is identified by the Head Master and the Organisers and the land is made ready. Seeds, seedlings are procured from Horticulture Department. The Children groups are formed and are involved in sowing the seeds, watering, removing the weeds, safe guarding and harvesting the produce.

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

Yes.



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

10024 Schools have been given target to form kitchen garden in the year 2019-20. For the year 2020-21, it has been proposed to setup kitchen garden in 27123 schools.

However instructions have been given to all schools to form kitchen garden. NGOs like Ekam Foundation, Adaikalam Trust are also involved in the formation of kitchen gardening.



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

Every child within the age group of six to fourteen years studying in classes I to VIII who enrolled and attending the school, is provided meal having nutritional standards as specified in schedule II of the Act, free of charge every day except on school holidays. The meal has been prepared in accordance with the Mid Day Meal guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time and in accordance with the provision of schedule II of the Act.



Every school having the facility for cooking meal in hygienic manner.

The State level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee overseeing the implementation of the scheme with a view to ensure implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme, and overseeing the quality of meals provided to the children, cleanliness of the place of cooking and maintenance by hygiene in implementation of mid day meal scheme.



The School Management Committee mandated under Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 also monitoring implementation of the mid day meal scheme and overseeing the quality of meals provided to the children, cleanliness of the place of cooking and maintenance of hygiene in implementation of mid day meal scheme.

The performances of Districts are being reviewed every month.

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

Doesn't arise

2.36 Cooking Competition

2.36.1. Whether cooking competitions have been organized at different levels in 2019-2020,

2.36.2. if yes in 2.36.1,

2.36.2.1. the number of participants in these competitions

2.36.2.2. Details of judges

2.36.2.3. How many participants were awarded

2.36.2.4. Was the awarded participants given any cash prizes

2.36.2.5. Whether the awarded recipes have been shared with schools

Since the State Government has fixed menu to be adopted in Noon Meal Centres, the 50,015 nos of Coon-cum-Helper have trained through chiefs from the catering colleges/hotels in the Districts to know the menus names in cooking.



A training manual has been prepared and given to all Noon Meal Centres which has for recipes for the menu fixed by government.



Government orders have been issued to award the best organizer, Cook and Cook cum Helpers in each District. The work of the each category of Noon Meal Employees will be graded on various parameters like affection towards the children, Maintenance of kitchen, Vessels, usage of good quality masalas & condiments, kitchen garden, additional features done with the participants of public, local NGO's etc., There will be a selection

committee at block level and district level. The selected Noon Meal workers will be awarded with a certificate & a cash prize of Rs.5000/- which will be distributed by the District Collector during Independence day celebrations.

2.36.3. Details of action plan for year 2019-2020

District level cooking competitions have been conducted in all Districts and the cooks were awarded with cash prize of Rs. 5000/- by the District Collector during the Independence day functions. Also the best Noon Meal Organiser award is also given after analyzing various parameters. They were awarded with Rs.5000/- cash and a citation by the District Collector during the Independence day function.

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

No modifications have been recommended by the Committee chaired under the District Magistrate.

2.38. Details of new interventions (preferably for areas affected with malnutrition, anemia etc, aspirational districts) envisaged under 5% flexi funds – For each intervention, please provide detailed information in the below template

Due to Covid – 19 new interventions could not be arrived at. Necessary proposal will be sent to Government of India in consultation with the officials after the Covid – 19 is over, since policy decision has to be taken.

2.39. Any other issues and Suggestions.

NIL
