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to consider and approve AWP&B 2020-21

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STATE: West Bengal

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

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

b. Main Issues from appraisal:

- i) Less utilisation of food grains in 12 districts viz. Siliguri(33%), Kolkata(45%), Jhargram(56%), Cooch Behar(66%), D/Dinajpur(67%), U/Dinajpur(70%), Howrah(71%), Alipurduar(71%), W/Bardhaman(73%), Jalpaiguri(74%), Nadia(75%) and Purulia(75%).
- ii) Social audit did not conduct in the State.
- iii) Less coverage of children (57%) under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karykram.

c. Best Practices:

- i) Additional contribution of Rs.500/- per month to honorarium of Cook-cum-helpers from their own resources.
- ii) Providing an egg once in a week to all children from their own resources.
- iii) Construction of 8263 units of dining hall in the schools from their own resources.
- iv) LPG is used as mode of cooking in 100% schools.

Part-A : General Information

Introduction:

National Programme of Mid-Day-Meal in schools (MDMS) is a flagship programme of the Government of India mining of enhancing enrolment, retention and attendance and simultaneously improving nutritional levels among children studying in Government, Local Body and Government-aided primary and upper primary schools and the Centres run under Education Guarantee Schools (EGS/Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) and National Children Labour Project (NCLP) schools now call as Special Training Centres (STC) of all areas across the country.

1. Basic Information:

(Year 2019-20)

S. No.	INDICATORS	STATUS		
		PRY	U PRY	TOTAL
1. No. of Institutions				
i)	Existing Institutions	67739	16206	83945
ii)	Covered during the year	67739	16206	83945
2. No. of Children				
i)	Approved by MDM-PAB	6753947	4137265	10891212
ii)	Enrollment as on 30.9.2019	7317679	4244786	11562465
ii)	Average No. of children availed MDM during 2019-20	6830713	4111755	10942468
3. Coverage of children as per Quarterly Progress Report (QPR)				
i)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-1	6768688	4109182	10877870
ii)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-2	6805325	4114255	10919580
iii)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-3	6918126	4111828	11029954
iv)	Average no. of children availed MDM as per QPR-3	6830713	4111755	10942468
4. No. of Working Days				
i)	Approved for 2019-20	230	230	312 (NCLP)
ii)	Covered during 2019-20	230	230	312(NCLP)
5. Per unit cooking cost Per child per day (in Rs.)				
AVERAGE UNIT COOKING COST PCPD		Rs.4.48 (Rs.2.69 Central share and Rs.1.79 State share)	Rs.6.71 (Rs.4.03 Central share and Rs.2.68 State share)	
State's additional contributions in cooking cost per child per day		Rs. 0.00	Rs.0.00	

Part-B : Review of Performance in 2019 -20 (01.04.19 to 31.03.2020)

2. Based on the information provided by the State administration in its AWP&B 2020-21, the performance during 2019-20 (01.04.19 to 31.03-2020) was reviewed. The major issues in implementation during 2019-20 are summarized as under: -

2.0 Coverage of Institutions

Coverage in terms of No. of institutions.

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

i)	PRIMARY	
	The number of existing institutions	= 67739
	Number of institutions covered during 2019-20	=67739 (100%)
ii)	UPPER PRIMARY & UPPER PRIMARY WITH PRIMARY	
	The number of existing institutions	= 16206
	Number of institutions covered during 2019-20	= 16206 (100%)

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

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

Total Enrolment as on 30.09.2019	= 7317679
Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20	= 6830713 (93%)

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

Total Enrolment as on 30.09.2019	= 4244786
Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20	= 4111755 (97%)

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

a) Primary: Coverage in terms of No. of children. Difference between PAB Approval (Target) vs. Average No. of Children Availing MDM (Achievement) (Refer Table 2.5 of the Analysis Sheet).

The number of children approved by MDM PAB for 2019-20	= 6753947
Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20	= 6830713 (101%)

b) Upper Primary: Coverage in terms of No. of children. Difference between PAB Approval (Target) Vs Average No. of Children Availing MDM (Achievement)
(Refer Table 2.6 of the Analysis Sheet).

The number of children approved by MDM PAB for 2019-20 = 4137265
Average number of children availed MDM during 2019-20 = 4111755 (99%)

2.1.3 No. of Meals: Difference between No. of meal to be served (Target) Vs. No. of meals Served (Achievement) - PY+U PY (Refer Table 2.7 of the Analysis Sheet).

The number of meals to be served during 2019-20 = 250.75 crore
The number of meals served during 2019-20 = 251.89 crore (100.5%)

2.2 FOODGRAINS

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

The State has 10101.86 MTs (3%) of food-grains as opening balance against the total allocation of 298807.49 MTs for 2019-20 as on 1.4.19.

It is observed that in some districts more opening balance of food grains are available viz. Siliguri (36%), Kalimpong (18 %), GTA (11 %) and Malda (10 %). State is advised to find out the reason of having more opening balance in these districts.

2.2.2 Level of unspent balance as on 31.03-2020: (Refer Table 3.3 of the Analysis Sheet).

The State level closing balance as on 31.03-2020 is 8078.10 MTs (2.70%) against the total allocation of 298807.49 MTs.

2.2.3 Availability of Food grains: (01.04.19 to 31.03-2020) : (Refer Table 3.5 of the Analysis sheet)

The districts should have availability of food grains at least 100% of the allocation at end of the year.. State level availability as on 31.03-2020 was 79% of the total allocation. State informed that food grains consumption quite less than norms in the Primary level. Therefore, districts have lifted food grains from FCI godown according to their consumption.

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

An analysis of the utilization of food grains during the 2019-20 shows that State has utilized 76% of the allocated food grains.

The consumption of food grains should be at least 100% during 2019-20 at the state level. It is observed that the utilization of food grains below the State average is observed in the some of the districts. The

less utilization of food grains observed in the districts viz. Siliguri(33%), Kolkata(45%), Jhargram(56%), Cooch Behar(66%), D/Dinajpur(67%), U/Dinajpur(70%), Howrah(71%), Alipurduar(71%), W/Bardhaman(73%), Jalpaiguri(74%), Nadia(75%) and Purulia(75%).

Therefore, State is advised to conduct research study to find out the reason of the less consumption of food grains by the children.

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

The FCI has submitted bills for Rs. 6735.39 Lakh during 1.4.2019 to 31.03-2020 towards cost of food grains. The State has made payment for Rs. 6735.39 lakh (100%) to the FCI.

2.3 COOKING COST (PRIMARY + UPPER PRIMARY)

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

The State had reported Rs. 8418.76 Lakh (6%) as opening balance at the beginning of the financial year 2019-20.

2.3.2 Level of closing balance as on 31.03.2020 : (Refer Table 4.1.2 of the Analysis Sheet)

The State had closing balance of Rs. 6198.25 (5% of allocation) towards cooking cost as on 31-03-2020.

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

The districts should have utilized Rs.133769.63 Lakh (100%) of the allocation of cooking cost.

2.4 Reconciliation of utilization and performance during 2019-20 (1.4.19 to 31.03-2020)

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

In general percentage of consumption of food grain and utilization of cooking cost should be same. However, there is 24% mismatched with the consumption of food grains and utilization of cooking cost. State is advised to reconcile district wise cooking cost and consumption of food grain.

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

PAB-MDM has approved 248799 cook-cum-helpers to be engaged during 2019-20 in the State. State has engaged 240830 (97%) cook-cum-helpers. The State has utilized 3928.97 lakhs (96%) of the

allocated funds of Rs. 37319.85 Lakh for payment of honorarium to cook cum helper. The State has proposed to engage 248799 Cook-Cum-Helpers for the year 2020-21. State is advised to engage all the approved cook-cum-helpers for smooth functioning of the MDMS.

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

Against the allocation of Rs. 2914.97 Lakh as Central Assistance towards MME funds, the State has utilized only Rs. 2914.97 Lakh (100%). As per the guidelines of the utilization of MME is that the 50% MME should go to Schools level expenses and remaining 50% should be utilized in Management, Supervision, Training & Internal Monitoring, External Monitoring & Evaluation purposes.

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

Against the allocation of Rs. 4183.30 lakh as Central Assistance towards funds for Transportation Assistance the State has utilized Rs. 3143.18 lakh (78%). 224512.84 MTs of food grains have been lifted from the FCI godown during 2019-20, therefore, the utilization of the TA has made as per the lifting of the food grains.

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

Central assistance of Rs. 87373.99 Lakh has been released for construction of 81856 Kitchen-cum-Stores. As on 31.12.2019, construction has been completed for 81582 Kitchen-cum-stores and construction work is in progress for 274 kitchen-cum-stores.

State Govt. is advised to complete all pending construction of kitchen cum stores as early as possible and submit the completion report to MHRD.

2.9 Repair of Kitchen-cum-stores which were constructed 10 year ago. (Reference Table -9.1.2 of Analysis Sheet).

Central assistance of Rs.701.52 Lakhs has been released for repair of 11692 units of kitchen cum stores during 2019-20. State informed that the repair works could not be started due to fund received by them on 23rd March, 2020 just before the COVID-19 lockdown.

State proposed 36958 unit of kitchen cum stores which were constructed during 2008-09. These 36958 units of kitchens are eligible for repair during 2020-21.

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

Central assistance of Rs.4542.75 lakh has been released towards procurement of 90855 units of kitchen devices during 2006-07 to 2012-13 The State has reported that 90855 units (100%) of kitchen devices have been procured.

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

Central assistance of Rs. 4495.70 lakh has been released towards replacement of 89914 units of kitchen devices from 2012-13 to 2019-20. The State has reported that 89914 units of kitchen devices (100%) have been procured.

PAB 2019-20 has approved for replacement of 33954 unit of kitchen devices for amount of Rs. 5534.25 Lakh (Central Assistance Rs.3320.55 and mandatory State share Rs. 2213.70) The fund for replacement of 33954 kitchen devices could not release due to COVID-19 lockdown. The has been considered in this year 2020-21

3. Data Entry Status on the MIS Web Portal

In order to smooth function of MDMS, Ministry of HRD, MDM Division has developed web-based monitoring system i.e. Web based MIS in collaboration with NIC. In this web portal State/District/Block users have to make Annual and Monthly data entry into the web portal through online. The State should monitor data entry activities to be made timely manner by District/Block users into the portal. The Annual and monthly data entry status as on December, 2019 of the State is given below: -

3.1 Annual Data Entry:

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

S. No.	District	Total Schools	Completed	% Completed
1.	Dinajpur Dakshin	2246	2244	99.9%
2.	Bankuraa	4954	4950	99.92%
3.	Purba Bardhaman	4741	4738	99.94%
4.	Cooch Bihar	3231	3230	99.97%
5.	Birbhum	3830	3829	99.97%
6.	Hooghly	4170	4169	99.98%
7.	24 Paraganas North	5872	5871	100%
8.	24 Paraganas South	6213	6213	100%
9.	Alipurduar	1641	1641	100%
10.	Darjeeling	1057	1057	100%
11.	Dinajpur Uttar	3021	3021	100%
12.	Howrah	3039	3039	100%
13.	Jalpaiguri	2260	2260	100%
14.	Jhargram	2345	2345	100%
15.	Kalimpong	454	454	100%
16.	Kolkata	1968	1968	100%
17.	Maldah	3311	3311	100%
18.	Medinipur East	5913	5913	100%
19.	Medinipur West	6535	6535	100%
20.	Murshidabad	5867	5867	100%
21.	Nadia	4110	4110	100%
22.	Paschim Bardhaman	1683	1683	100%
23.	Puruliya	4396	4396	100%

S. No.	District	Total Schools	Completed	% Completed
24.	Siliguri	808	808	100%
Total		83665	83652	99.98%

Some of the districts viz. Dinajpur Dakshin, Bankura, Purba Bardhaman, Cooch Bihar, Birbhum and Hooghly did not complete 100% school's annual data entry for the year 2019-20. State submitted total 83945 schools in their AWP&B 2020-21 where as in MIS portal total number of active schools registered is 83665. State is advised to correct the total number of schools in MIS web portal within July, 2020.

3.2 Monthly Data Entry

District wise number of schools monthly data entry completed is given below:-

S.No	District	Freeze Schools	Schools monthly data entry completed during 2019-20												Avg
			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
1	24 Paraganas North	5871	5871	5871	5871	5871	5871	5871	5871	5871	5871	5666	4721	1200	5369
2	24 Paraganas South	6213	6213	6213	6213	6213	6212	6212	6212	6212	6212	5685	5459	3280	5861
3	Alipurduar	1641	1641	1641	1641	1641	1641	1641	1641	1641	1641	1640	1186	79	1473
4	Bankuraa	4950	4948	4948	4948	4948	4948	4948	4948	4948	4945	4211	3140	548	4369
5	Birbhum	3829	3829	3829	3829	3829	3829	3829	3829	3828	3827	3450	3048	670	3469
6	Cooch Bihar	3230	3226	3226	3226	3223	3223	3219	3216	3169	3149	2860	2007		3068
7	Darjeeling	1057	1057	1057	1057	1057	1056	1056	1056	1056	1055	1002	857	432	983
8	Dinajpur Dakshin	2244	2244	2244	2244	2244	2244	2244	2243	2242	2240	2202	1910	617	2077
9	Dinajpur Uttar	3021	3021	3021	3021	3021	3021	3021	3021	3021	3021	3021	2895	1	2759
10	Hooghly	4169	4169	4169	4169	4169	4169	4169	4169	4169	4169	4169	4142	531	3864
11	Howrah	3039	3039	3039	3039	3039	3039	3039	3039	3039	3039	2984	2406	209	2746
12	Jalpaiguri	2260	2260	2260	2260	2260	2260	2260	2260	2260	2260	2260	2258	480	2112
13	Jhargram	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2345	2103	1266	2235
14	Kalimpong	454	454	454	454	453	453	453	453	453	453	453	453	180	431
15	Kolkata	1968	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964	1964
16	Maldah	3311	3311	3311	3311	3311	3311	3311	3311	3311	3311	3236	2872	365	3023
17	Medinipur East	5913	5913	5913	5913	5913	5913	5913	5913	5913	5913	5913	5913	4147	5766
18	Medinipur West	6535	6530	6530	6529	6529	6528	6528	6528	6528	6522	5127	4020	1299	5767
19	Murshidabad	5867	5861	5861	5860	5860	5860	5860	5860	5858	5620	4815	3682	672	5139
20	Nadia	4110	4110	4110	4110	4110	4110	4110	4110	4110	4110	4106	3467	410	3748
21	Paschim Bardhaman	1683	1681	1681	1681	1681	1681	1681	1681	1681	1681	1680	1432	3	1520
22	Purba Bardhaman	4738	4738	4738	4738	4738	4738	4738	4738	4738	4737	4734	4440	405	4352
23	Puruliya	4396	4396	4396	4396	4396	4396	4396	4396	4396	4396	4326	3893	2288	4173
24	Siliguri	808	808	808	808	808	808	808	808	808	808	615	499	165	713
	Total	83652	83629	83629	83627	83623	83620	83616	83612	83561	83289	78464	68767	21211	76721

S.No.	District	%age schools monthly data entry status : FY 2019-20												Avg.	
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
1	Bankuraa	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	85	63	11	88

S.No.	District	%age schools monthly data entry status : FY 2019-20												Avg.
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
2	Medinipur West	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	78	62	20	88
3	Murshidabad	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	96	82	63	88
4	Siliguri	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	76	62	20	88
5	Alipurduar	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	72	5	90
6	Howrah	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	98	79	7	90
7	Paschim Bardhaman	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	85	0	90
8	24 Paraganas North	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	97	80	20	91
9	Birbhum	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	90	80	17	91
10	Dinajpur Uttar	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	96	0	91
11	Maldah	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	98	87	11	91
12	Nadia	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	84	10	91
13	Purba Bardhaman	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	94	9	92
14	Darjeeling	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	95	81	41	93
15	Dinajpur Dakshin	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	98	85	27	93
16	Hooghly	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	13	93
17	Jalpaiguri	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	21	93
18	24 Paraganas South	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	92	88	53	94
19	Cooch Bihar	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	98	97	89	62	0	95
20	Jhargram	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	90	54	95
21	Kalimpong	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	40	95
22	Puruliya	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	98	89	52	95
23	Medinipur East	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	70	98
24	Kolkata	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	94	82	25	91

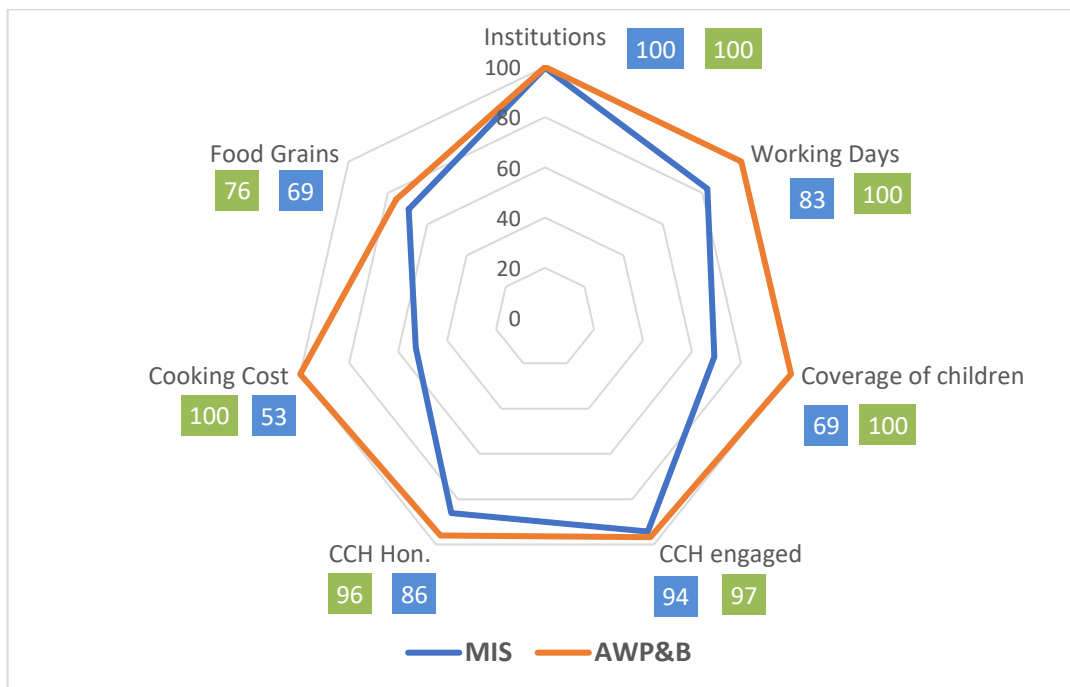
At State level 91% schools have entered monthly data into the MIS web portal. Some of the district viz. Bankuraa(88%), Medinipur West(88%), Murshidabad(88%), Siliguri(88%), Alipurduar(90%), Howrah(90%), Paschim Bardhaman(90%),24 Paraganas North(91%), Birbhum(91%), Dinajpur Uttar(91%), Maldah(91%) and Nadia(91%) are below the State average. State is advised to close monitor to complete 100% monthly date of every schools within 10th days of every month.

3.3 Comparison of Data from MIS and AWP&B

COMPONENT	MIS	AWP&B
Institutions	83665	83945
Working Days	190	230
Coverage of children	7530750	10942468
CCH engaged	234621	240830
CCH Hon. (Rs. in Lakhs)	32147.24	35867.33

Cooking Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	70611.74	133769.63
Food Grains (in MTs)	207491.20	226536.61

The graphical representation of the differences in data from MDM-MIS and as submitted by the State through Annual Work Plan & Budget is given below:



The graph depicts that there is vast difference in data submitted through online MIS portal and data submission in AWP&B 2020-21. The data mismatched in the components viz.coverage of working days, coverage of children, utilization of cooking cost and food grains. The State is advised to kindly look into the matter and reconcile the data feed on the MIS web portal and data submitted to the AWP&B. In general there should be not be any variation between MIS webportal data and AWP&B data.

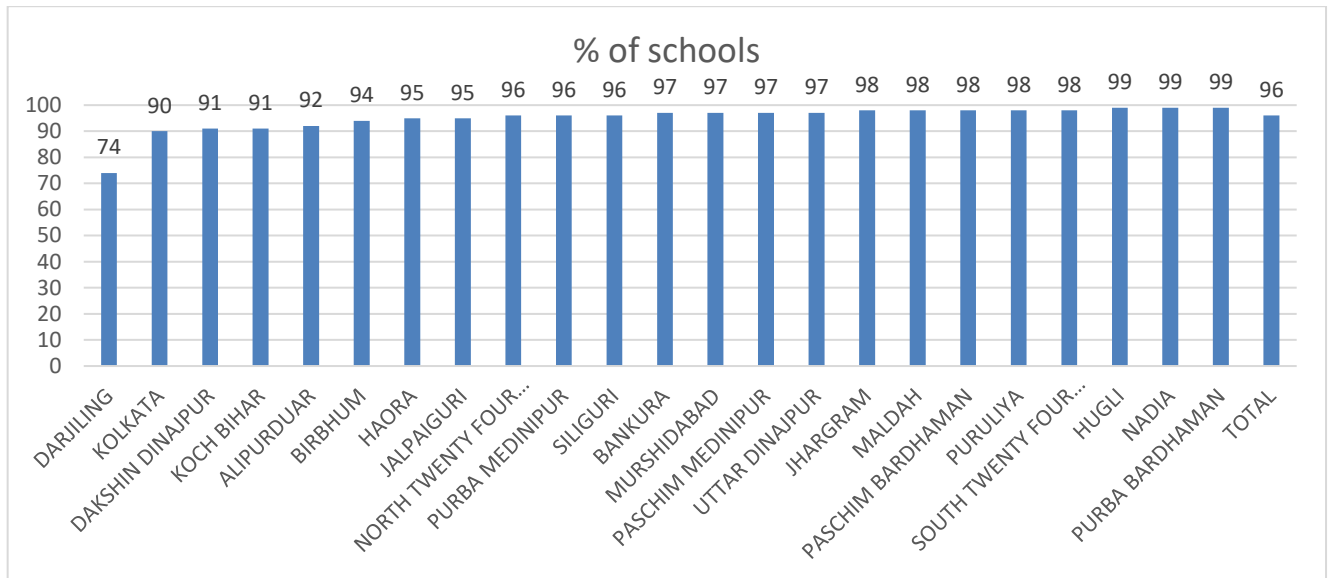
3.4 Automated Monitoring System

State has developed own AMS for real time monitoring through short messages services (sms) on November, 2017. On monthly average 79178 (96%) schools have been reported through AMS on daily basis. It is observed that 82430 schools out of 83945 have been registered in the AMS system. State has sent the correct school master data base to the NIC for correction. NIC Team informed that the same will be done shortly. It is advised that 100% of schools should be reported on daily basis through AMS system. District wise average monthly schools reported through AMS is given below:-

S.N o.	District	Total Institutions	Maximum number of institutions for which daily data transferred during the month												Avg
			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
			2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	
1	ALIPURDUAR	1608	1400	1159	1384	1514	1603	1604	1172	1587	1577	1567	1577	1559	1485
2	BANKURA	4875	4737	4357	4710	4794	4838	4838	4624	4828	4818	4752	4766	4772	4747
3	BIRBHUM	3879	3659	3112	3590	3642	3717	3761	3487	3747	3691	3677	3708	3694	3643
4	DAKSHIN DINAJPUR	2180	1916	1554	1912	1921	2099	2150	1917	2119	2080	2022	2007	2053	1995
5	DARJILING	1494	1210	1133	1163	1146	1288	1349	861	1284	1179	145	947	1237	1110
6	HAORA	2810	2707	2313	2705	2726	2725	2726	2589	2714	2675	2681	2680	2693	2673
7	HUGLI	4148	4136	3766	4120	4129	4130	4133	4126	4132	4132	4132	4132	4130	4104
8	JALPAIGURI	2245	2150	1774	2121	2182	2235	2238	1833	2222	2209	2201	2222	2199	2141
9	JHARGRAM	2311	2257	2039	2243	2299	2305	2305	2206	2300	2300	2291	2286	2291	2264
10	KOCH BIHAR	3165	2864	2248	2810	2849	3072	3112	2221	3054	2975	2964	2971	2994	2869
11	KOLKATA	2019	1817	1777	1812	1807	1822	1821	1765	1813	1807	1801	1792	1783	1818
12	MALDAH	3163	3158	3083	3158	3158	3158	3157	2825	3132	3115	3084	3071	3087	3104
13	MURSHIDABAD	5814	5656	5064	5688	5719	5749	5757	5071	5728	5668	5654	5691	5681	5611
14	NADIA	4087	4074	3851	4071	4066	4066	4066	4019	4062	4057	4054	4047	4053	4044
15	NORTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANA	5813	5558	4754	5562	5704	5727	5719	5535	5702	5645	5640	5639	5627	5587
16	PASCHIM BARDHAMAN	1634	1626	1495	1622	1623	1623	1623	1551	1621	1613	1619	1623	1621	1607
17	PASCHIM MEDINIPUR	6409	6234	5626	6220	6305	6341	6344	5768	6318	6277	6233	6211	6230	6194
18	PURBA BARDHAMAN	4661	4634	4421	4635	4635	4637	4638	4573	4634	4612	4623	4621	4615	4611
19	PURBA MEDINIPUR	5888	5716	5090	5666	5747	5827	5838	4981	5815	5778	5705	5720	5711	5652
20	PURULIYA	4381	4344	4153	4337	4349	4353	4343	4077	4338	4308	4244	4245	4250	4286
21	SILIGURI	797	764	675	765	769	784	788	703	778	774	763	771	772	762
22	SOUTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANA	6102	6023	5620	6052	6081	6077	6078	5763	6064	6023	5982	6065	6076	6000
23	UTTAR DINAJPUR	2947	2908	2648	2933	2943	2943	2943	2543	2928	2942	2890	2881	2875	2871
	TOTAL	82430	79548	71712	79279	80108	81119	81331	74210	80920	80255	78724	79673	80003	79178

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S.No.	District	%age of schools daily data transfer duirng 2019-20												
		Apr	Ma y	Ju n	Jul	Au g	Se p	Oc t	No v	De c	Ja n	Fe b	Ma r	Avg .
1	DARJILING	81	76	78	77	86	90	58	86	79	10	63	83	74
2	KOLKATA	90	88	90	89	90	90	87	90	89	89	89	88	90
3	DAKSHIN DINAJPUR	88	71	88	88	96	99	88	97	95	93	92	94	91
4	KOCH BIHAR	90	71	89	90	97	98	70	96	94	94	94	95	91
5	ALIPURDUAR	87	72	86	94	100	100	73	99	98	97	98	97	92
6	BIRBHUM	94	80	93	94	96	97	90	97	95	95	96	95	94
7	HAORA	96	82	96	97	97	97	92	97	95	95	95	96	95
8	JALPAIGURI	96	79	94	97	100	100	82	99	98	98	99	98	95
9	NORTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANA	96	82	96	98	99	98	95	98	97	97	97	97	96
10	PURBA MEDINIPUR	97	86	96	98	99	99	85	99	98	97	97	97	96
11	SILIGURI	96	85	96	96	98	99	88	98	97	96	97	97	96
12	BANKURA	97	89	97	98	99	99	95	99	99	97	98	98	97
13	MURSHIDABA D	97	87	98	98	99	99	87	99	97	97	98	98	97
14	PASCHIM MEDINIPUR	97	88	97	98	99	99	90	99	98	97	97	97	97
15	UTTAR DINAJPUR	99	90	100	100	100	100	86	99	100	98	98	98	97
16	JHARGRAM	98	88	97	99	100	100	95	100	100	99	99	99	98
17	MALDAH	100	97	100	100	100	100	89	99	98	98	97	98	98
18	PASCHIM BARDHAMAN	100	91	99	99	99	99	95	99	99	99	99	99	98
19	PURULIYA	99	95	99	99	99	99	93	99	98	97	97	97	98
20	SOUTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANA	99	92	99	100	100	100	94	99	99	98	99	100	98
21	HUGLI	100	91	99	100	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	99
22	NADIA	100	94	100	99	99	99	98	99	99	99	99	99	99
23	PURBA BARDHAMAN	99	95	99	99	99	100	98	99	99	99	99	99	99
	TOTAL	97	87	96	97	98	99	90	98	97	96	97	97	96



The above graph depicts that State average 96% schools have been reported on daily basis as per the data available online. Rest of the districts 90% and above schools have been daily reported information on MDMS except Darjeeling district (74%). State informed that this district is located in hilly region and there is network issues in the report areas of the district. State is advised to develop mechanism for reporting 100% schools through AMS and also use these data in monitoring purposes.

Only 23 districts out of 24 have registered in the AMS. For addition of district Kalimpong has not shown in the AMS system. Therefore, State is advised to submit the updated master database to the NIC immediately for to update master database in AMS system server.

4. Release of funds

The fund flow system of the Govt. of West Bengal is similar to the other states. Pay and Account, Finance Deptt. of Govt. of West Bengal received the fund from MHRD. State Finance Deptt. disbursed to the District office and District office disburse the fund to the Block. Block office disburse the fund to the Schools level. Duration of fund flow from these channels to the schools' level, it takes approx. 30 days from the State to Schools. Following table shows the number of days took in each level.

Instalments released	State to District	District to Block	Block to schools	State to Schools
Adhoc Grant (25%)	12 days	14 days	8 days	34 days
Balance of 1st Instalment	7 days	12 days	8 days	27 days
2nd Instalment	13 days	12 days	6 days	31 days

State Govt. is advised to take necessary steps to reduce funds flow gap up to the schools.

5. Menu of MDM

Govt. of West Bengal has prepared the sample menu at the state level. The has been circulated to the school level. The menu has been prepared as per the guideline of MHRD and nutrition expert. However, instructions have been issued to the schools' menu should be modified as per the requirement of children and implemented after approval of the PTA/SMC.

Day	Suggestive menu
Monday	Rice + Dal + Soyabean Curry
Tuesday	Khichadi with leafy vegetables
Wednesday	Rice + Egg curry
Thursday	Rice + Soyabean curry +Dal
Friday	Rice + Dal +Mixed vegetables
Saturday	Rice + Egg curry + Mixed vegetables

6. School Nutrition Gardens

State Govt. of West Bengal informed that in 9716 schools (12%) out of 83945, Kitchen Gardens have been developed in the schools from their own resources. PAB-2019-20 had approved for development of nutrition gardens in 30000 schools under new component i.e. Flexi Funds. The proposal of the same has been submitted by the State during 2019-20 but the authorization letter could not process due to COVID-19 lockdown. State has submitted same proposal for this year also which is recommended by the appraisal team.

7. Supplementary Nutrition

State Govt. provided one egg per week per child in order to improve the health of the children which is played the vital role for the supplementary nutrition. State Govt. proposed to provide egg (cost =Rs.5/- per egg) per child for 55 days in seven districts viz. Bankura, Birbhum, Jalpaiguri (Tea garden), W/Medinipur, Purulia, Jhargram and Sundarban Areas covering 2386000 children.

8. Community Participation (Tithi Bhojan etc.)

State Govt. of West Bengal informed that an advisory issued to introduce Tithi Bhojan in all the districts. Whereas community participations have been shown in construction of kitchen-cum-stores by different Deptt.'s like PW(CB), PWD, P&RD, Housing, UDPHE, I&WD, WRIDD and MED. Besides, many constructions work also be done by the SHGs (the Jr. Engineer attached under SSA will help them), VEC & MC. The Executive Officer, Panchayat Samiti with its own infrastructure had taken up the construction works at school level.

9. Monitoring Mechanism

State has three level of monitoring mechanism 1) State Level, 2) District Level and 3) Block Level.

State Level : Mainly three bodies are responsible for monitoring and effective implementation of the MDMS programme. The Project Director and the two officers regularly monitor the MDM and submit monitoring report to the Principal Secretary of School Education Department. Officers of the rank of Jt. Secretary and Spl. Secretary are also engaged in monitoring. All these reports and feedbacks of the districts are discussed in the State Steering-cum-Monitoring meeting. To strengthen this initiative, the

Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, has circulated a comprehensive circular indicating the duties and responsibilities of respective nodal and monitoring officers.

District Level: The District Magistrate, Additional District Magistrate, in-charge, MDM and one officer in-charge in the rank of Dy. Magistrate are at the helm of the district monitoring cell. The District Inspectors of schools of both primary and secondary are also engaged in the MDM monitoring system. They all are required to visit a certain number of schools every month and submit their monitoring report in prescribed format to the Secretary, SED, with a copy to the DM concerned. Each level discusses the monitoring results in their respective Steering-cum-monitoring committee meeting regularly and the feedback is sent to the next higher level.

Block Level : Besides Block Development Officer, one Block level supervisor on contract basis has been engaged and also provision of one Assistant Inspector of Schools (AI) is being done. All the officers including SI of schools at block level are responsible for monitoring and implementation of the programme.

10. Social Audit

Social audit did not conduct in the States. State is advised to conduct the social audit during 2020-21 as per the guidelines of MHRD.

11. Testing of meals

Testing of food has been carried out by Mitra S K Private Limited, accredited laboratories. The sample collected from 40 schools of five district viz. Alipurduar, Cooch Behar, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur districts. All 40 schools' samples tested and met the norms. It is advised that number of schools for testing of meal should be increased during 2020-21.

12. Tasting of Meal

System of tasting cooked food by one teacher and one cook prior to serving of the meal to the students in the school and it is being maintained strictly. A register has also been maintained for recording the names of the MDM tasters including guardian/community people and quality of the food.

13. Centralized Kitchens and involvement of NGOs

There is no centralized kitchen has been engaged for serving the hot cooked meals in the State. However, 92 cluster kitchens were serving meals in the schools of Hawrah (28), Kolkata (58), North 24 Parganas (5) and West Bardhaman (1). State Govt. is advised to follow the MDM 2015 Rules for involvement of centralized kitchens in the State.

14. Cooking Competition

State Govt. did not take any initiative under cooking competition activities. It is advised to take step for conducting cooking competition among cooks in block level, district level. This activity increases the motivation, creative ideas, and knowledge sharing amongst the cooks throughout State.

15. Capacity Building

During this year training of 16554 (6%) cook-cum-helpers have been completed. Cook- in collaboration with the Department of Technical Education & Training to provide training under UTKARSH BANGLA. State Govt. is advised to provide training to maximum number of cooks-cum-helpers in 2020-21.

16. Contingency Plan to avoid any untoward incident

State Govt. issued orders to take all necessary safety measures for maintenance of health and hygienic aspects of MDM which includes clean and spacious pucca kitchen shed, cleaning of cooking utensils before and after cooking and consumption of MDM, use of headgear and apron at the time of cooking and serving MDM, use of AGMARK and sealed cooking oil and condiments, use of packaged iodized salt, tasting of cooked food by one teacher, one cook and if possible with one guardians before serving the MDM to the students, installation of fire extinguisher in every school etc. Besides, every school has arranged displaying notice board indicating important telephone numbers of nearby health Centre, fire service, BDO, SI of school and local police station, so that the concerned office can be contacted immediately as and when necessary. Besides, all the schools have been asked to keep first aid box to tackle emergency situation, if needed. Furthermore, Education Deptt. issued guideline vide No. 39(22)-ES(CMDMP)/GENL-43/2013 dt: 20.01.2014 for maintenance of safety as well as hygiene while serving hot cooked meals to the students.

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

MHRD has advised all States and UTs vide letter dated 20.03.2020 and 29.04.2020 regarding provision of mid day meal or Food Security Allowance to the eligible children under Mid Day Meal Scheme during closure of schools on account of COVID-19 and summer vacations during 2020-21 respectively.

The State informed that food grains and potatoes were distributed to parents of all children as Food Security Allowance during closure of schools for 30 days. State has also proposed to provide Food Security Allowance to 6804546 children in Primary and 4137922 children in Upper Primary for 25 days during summer vacation.

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

S. No.	Component	PAB Approval 2019-20	Proposal for 2020-21	Recommendations by appraisal team
1	Institutions			
1.1	Primary	67739	67739	67739
1.2	Upper Primary	16196	16206	16206
2	Children			
2.1	Primary	6723230	6804546	6804546
2.2	Upper Primary	4137265	4111755	4111755
2.3	NCLP	30717	26167	26167
3	Working Days			
3.1	Primary	230	230	230
3.2	Upper Primary	230	230	230
3.3	NCLP	312	312	312
4	Cook cum Helper			
4.1	Primary	168751	168751	168751
4.2	Upper Primary	80048	80048	80048
5	Drought			
5.1	Children (Pry)	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.2	Children (U Pry)	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3	Working days	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Non-Recurring			
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	274	Nil	Nil
6.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	11692	36958	36958
6.3	Kitchen Devices (New)	Nil	NI	Nil
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	33954	33954	33954*
*Approved last year but unable to release funds to the States due to lockdown.				
7	Central Assistance (Rs in Lakh)			
7.1	Regular	130536.83	120555.34	120555.34
7.2	Drought	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.3	Kitchen cum Store	471.83	Nil	Nil
7.4	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	701.52	2217.48	2217.48
7.5	Kitchen Devices (new)	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.6	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	3320.55	3320.55	3320.55
7.7	Grand Total (total of 7.1 to 7.6)	139867.72	126093.37	126093.37

State: West Bengal

QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2020-21**A. Food grains**

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	6804546	230	156504.56	0	156504.56
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	4111755	230	141855.55	0	141855.55
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	26167	312	1224.62	0	1224.62
4	Drought (NIL)					
4.1	Primary					
4.2	Upper Primary					
TOTAL		10942468		299584.73	0	299584.73

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

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	4695.14
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs.4.97 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs.2.98 per child per day	46638.36
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 1.99 per child per day	31144.41
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs.1400 Per MT food grains	2191.06
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600/- for 10 months)	10125.06
4.2	State Share - @ Rs 400/- for 10 months)	6750.04
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	1718.54
Total Central Share for Primary		65368.16

Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	4255.67
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs.7.45 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs.4.47 per child per day	42272.95
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 2.98 per child per day	28181.97
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1400 Per MT food grains	1985.98
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	4802.88
9.2	State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	3201.92
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost 3) Cost of transportation and 4) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	1439.57
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		54757.05
NCLP		
11	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	36.74
12	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45 per child per day	
12.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.47 per child per day	364.94
12.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @Rs. 2.98 per child per day	243.29
12.3	Transportation cost @ Rs.1400 Per MT food grains	17.14
12.4	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost and 3) Cost of transportation	11.31
Total Central Share for NCLP		430.13
Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)		120555.34

C. Drought : NIL

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	-
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. per child per day	-
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. per child per day	-
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	-
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs. for 2 months)	-
4.2	State Share - @ Rs. For 2 months)	
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	-
Total Central Share for Primary (Drought)		-
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	-
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. per child per day	-
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 2.60 per child per day	-
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	-
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper (included in primary)	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs. for ... months)	-
9.2	State Share - @ Rs. for ... months)	-
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost 3) Cost of transportation and 4) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	-
Total Central Share for Upper Primary (Drought)		-
Total Primary + Upper Primary (Drought)		-

D. Non-recurring

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-store	Nil
2	Repair of kitchen-cum-store	2217.48
3	Kitchen Devices (New)	NIL
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	3320.55
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		5538.03

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

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	510.34
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs 2.98 per child per day	5069.39
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.1.99 per child per day	3385.26
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs 1400 Per MT food grains	238.16
Total Central Share for Primary		5817.89
Upper Primary		
4	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	465.52
5	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45 per child per day	
5.1	Central share @ Rs.4.47 per child per day	4624.13
5.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.2.98 per child per day	3082.75
6	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1400 Per MT food grains	217.24
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		5306.89
Total central share for primary and upper primary		11124.78

F. Total Requirement of Funds for 2020-21**(Rs. in lakh)**

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share
Recurring	Normal	120555.34	69521.63
	Drought	0	0
Non- recurring		5538.03	3692.02
Summer Vacation (one time)		11124.78	6468.01
Grand Total		137218.15	79681.66

