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Department of School Education & Literacy
MDM Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 22.02.2022 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) in respect of Government of Himachal Pradesh under Mid-Day Meal Scheme for 2022-23.

The meeting of Programme Approval Board-Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) was held on 22.02.2022 through Video Conferencing to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2022-23 in respect of **State of Himachal Pradesh.**

2. The minutes of the above PAB meeting have been approved by the Secretary (SE&L), Department of School Education & Literacy. Please find enclosed a copy of the approved minutes for your information and necessary action.

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Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board held on 22-02-2022 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23 of PM - POSHAN Scheme for the State of Himachal Pradesh.

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board- PM - POSHAN (PAB - PM-POSHAN) was held through video conferencing on 22-02-2022 under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Anita Karwal, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Government of India. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

The agenda before the PAB-PM POSHAN was:

- i. To review the status and progress of the implementation of PM-POSHAN Scheme in the State of Himachal Pradesh.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23 proposal of Himachal Pradesh for PM POSHAN Scheme.

2. Secretary, DoSEL welcomed the members of PAB PM-POSHAN and made opening remarks. She mentioned that the Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of scheme for the five year period i.e. 2021-22 to 2025-26 and also renamed it as Pradhan Mantri POSHAN Shakti Nirman (PM-POSHAN). She also briefed about the new initiatives and emphasized that interventions of School Nutrition Gardens, Tithi Bhojan and Social Audit are focus areas and are positioned as special nutritional interventions. Highlighting the importance of monitoring, she further stated that it has been decided to involve students of eminent Universities / Institutions and also trainee teachers of District Institutes of Education Training and Regional Institutes of Education, for enhanced monitoring of implementation of the scheme at field level. She reiterated that provision of hot cooked meals has significant effect on school participation in terms of enhanced enrollment as well as improved regular attendance of children in schools thereby substantially contributing towards reduction in dropout rates. She also emphasized upon the role of hot cooked meals in schools in removing social barriers as children from various social backgrounds learn to sit together and share a common meal. It was further highlighted that the gender gap in school participation tends to narrow, as the Scheme helps erode the barriers that prevent girls from going to school.

Subsequently JS (EE.I) appreciated State Government's good practices/initiatives viz. Additional State Share of Rs. 1600/- p.m. is being contributed by State Government for Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers there is LPG based cooking in 97% schools, 83% children are having Aadhar, 21% schools are having School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) and Toll Free No. 1800 180 8007 has been set up for Grievance Redressal of PM-POSHAN.

Further, he expressed concern over the issue of delay of more than one month in the release of funds from State to Block level, Social Audit has not yet been completed during first three quarters of the Financial Year 2021-22, No Health check-up has been done under PM POSHAN during 2021-22, there is less utilization of Transport Assistance (only 20%), there is less utilization of MME (only 27%), there is less reporting on PM-POSHAN MIS web-portal, there is no manpower available at Block level to implement the PM-POSHAN at school level.

3. Secretary (School Education), State of Himachal Pradesh briefed the PAB about the performance of PM-POSHAN Scheme in the State during 2021-22 and the initiatives taken by the State Government for improving the effectiveness of the scheme and Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23 proposals.

4. Review of Performance during 2021-22

4.1 Coverage of children:

4.1.1 Average number of children availed PM-POSHAN vis-à-vis Enrollment:

The State Government has informed that there is enrollment of 306639 children in Primary and 212850 children in Upper Primary, out of which, 279544 children (91%) in Primary and 192951 children (91%) in Upper Primary have availed PM-POSHAN on an average basis during the year 2021-22.

4.1.2 Average number of children availed PM-POSHAN vis-à-vis PAB PM-POSHAN Approval:

The PAB PM-POSHAN has approved 276792 children at Primary and 202610 children at Upper Primary level, out of which, 279544 children (101%) at Primary and 192951 children (95%) at Upper Primary have availed PM-POSHAN on an average basis during the year 2021-22.

State Government has requested to provide the Break-fast facility under PM-POSHAN.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the State Government's efforts and advised the State to encourage the consumption of daily meal under PM-POSHAN Scheme by maximum number of children.

PAB has further advised the State Government that Break-fast facility under PM-POSHAN is not yet approved by the Cabinet.

4.2 School Working Days:

The PAB PM-POSHAN has approved 284 working days (i.e. 241 Normal Working Days and 44 Working Days for Summer Vacation during FY-2021-22) for both at Primary and Upper Primary level. The State has covered 248 days (i.e. 217 Normal Working days and 31 days for Summer vacation during FY-2021-22) for both at Primary and Upper Primary level Up to 3rd quarter ending on 31-12-2021.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed concern over the less coverage of working days.

4.3 Fund Flow Mechanism

The GOI releases its share directly to the State, for which, the required Financial / Administrative Expenditure Sanction is accorded by the State Government. Thereafter, the State Nodal Agency i.e. Department of Elementary Education, releases the budget online to the Drawing Disbursing officers i.e. Block Elementary Education Officers (BEEOs). At the school level, the expenditure is incurred by the School Management Committee (SMC). The State Government makes requisite budget provision of State Share and that is placed at the disposal of Director Elementary Education. The Director Elementary Education releases its full mandated State Share to the Block Elementary Education Officers (BEEOs) in the beginning of each financial year before the receipt of Ad-hoc Central Assistance from MoE, Government of India in order to implement the PM-POSHAN Scheme un-interruptedly. The BEEOs further release funds to the concerned schools / SMCs. The budget is being distributed through e-vitrans system and the schools receive the budget within a day.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of State Government and advised the State Government to continue their existing process for timely release of funds to the school.

4.4 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):

State Government has utilized Rs.65.32 lakhs (27%) against the MME allocation of Rs. 241.10 lakhs.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the same and expressed concern over low utilization of MME Funds. PAB also expressed deep concern over the issue of No Manpower available at Block level in the Scheme.

State is advised to use the MME funds for the management of manpower at various levels (i.e. State, District and Block level) by formulating the team of experts at State Project Management Unit (SPMU) / District Project Management Unit (DPMU) / Block Project Management Unit (BPMU) and other admissible activity i.e. Minor Maintenance at School level for cleanliness and hygiene, IEC Activity to display of entitlement of children under PM-POSHAN, Training of all the Stake holders of Schemes, Social Audit for all the districts etc. for better implementation of PM-POSHAN Scheme at School level. State Government should explore the possibilities to add the top-up in MME funds from its own resources, In the case of shortage of funds to expedite the expenditure incurred on operational aspects of Program Management Unit (PMU) at every level under the MME component.

4.5 Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCHs) and Honorarium

State has engaged 14240 CCHs in Primary vis-à-vis PAB PM-POSHAN approval of 15041 and 6414 CCHs in Upper Primary vis-a-vis PAB PM-POSHAN approval of 6491 in Upper Primary. State Government provides Rs. 1600/- per month over and above the Minimum mandatory State Share for Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers from their own resources.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the additional contribution made by the State Government towards Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers.

4.6 Kitchen-cum-Stores (KS) (Construction as well as Repair):

Central Assistance of Rs. 9084.00 lakhs has been released for construction of 14959 Kitchen-cum-Stores since 2006-07. As on 31.12.2021, construction of all 14959 Kitchen-cum-Stores has been completed.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the State Government's efforts to complete the construction of all 14959 Kitchen-cum-Stores.

4.7 Kitchen Devices(KD) (New as well as Replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs. 792.21 lakhs has been released towards procurement of 15837 units of Kitchen Devices since 2006-07. The State Government reported that 15828 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured and procurement of 9 Kitchen Devices for Rs.0.90 lakhs is yet to start.

Central Assistance of Rs.1023.75 lakhs has also been released for Replacement of 20475 units of Kitchen Devices. The State Government reported that all 20475 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured as replacement.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State Government to complete the procurement of earlier sanctioned Kitchen Devices by 30-09-2022.

4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:

State has developed School Nutrition Gardens with the help of Forest Department in 3255 (35%) out of 15512 schools. State Government has further informed that development of 612 School Nutrition Gardens (SNG) is in-progress. Varieties of vegetables are being grown in the SNGs and the same are being used as additional vegetables in PM-POSHAN. State has informed that it will develop 1016 (7%) more Nutrition Gardens in the school compounds during the year 2022-23.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of State Government and advised them to develop more School Nutrition Gardens in all the remaining schools through convergence of line department.

4.9 School Health Programme (Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Weekly Iron & Folic Acid Supplementation, National De-worming Day etc.) and Nutrition in convergence with other Ministries:

State Government informed that no health check-up has been carried out during FY-2021-22 due to closure of schools on account of Covid-19 pandemic.

Enrollment	No. of Children		
	Health check-up (RBSK)	Iron & Folic Acid tablets (WIFS)	De-worming tablets (NDD) *
519489	Nil	415588 (80%)	415588 (80%)

(* NDD – Programme conducted twice in a year)

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed deep concern over the issue that State has not conducted any Health check-up. PAB advised that State Government should coordinate with Health Department to prepare the Month wise calendar to expedite the Health Check-up of 100% children. Further, State Government should explore the possibilities to distribute the IFA Tablets / Deworming Tablets along with hot cooked meals to the children. Moreover, ASHA Health workers can also be utilized for the same.

PAB further advised to State Government to keep close convergence with the Health Department to ensure 100% coverage of children under various provisions of RBSK.

4.10 Tithi Bhojan or similar practices

“Tithi Bhojan” type of functions are already celebrated in the schools voluntarily by the community members on various opportunities such as child births, marriages, birthdays, success in exams, anniversaries festivals in the family or in the larger community. Instructions have been issued to all the field functionaries to encourage “Tithi Bhojan” type of functions in schools. However, the nomenclature of this tradition is popularly called as “**DHAM**” in the State.

No contribution i.e. full meal / additional food items were served under “DHAM” during FY-2021-22 due to closure of schools on account of Covid-19 pandemic.

Comments of PAB : PAB noted the same.

4.11 Supplementary Nutrition:

Additional food items were not provided under the scheme in the State due to closure of schools on account of Covid-19 pandemic. State Government is planning to provide additional food items i.e. seasonal fruits or milk etc. once / twice in a week from the Financial year 2022-23.

Comments of PAB : PAB advised the State Government to explore the feasibility by adding top-up as Additional State Share from its own resources to meet the additional nutritional requirement of children in the State.

4.12 Testing of meals:

No Food samples were collected for testing by NABL accredited Laboratory i.e. Punjab Biotechnology Incubator, Mohali, Punjab during FY-2021-22 due to closure of schools on account of Covid-19 pandemic. There is no Laboratory affiliated by NABL in the State. Hence, the testing of food samples has been carried out by Laboratory situated in another State. Instructions have been circulated to all districts for ensuring implementation of guidelines regarding quality of the food in accordance with prescribed norms of PM-POSHAN Stated by Government of India.

Comments of PAB: State Government is advised to collect more samples from schools after reopening of schools by the NABL accredited / Third-party accredited laboratory and the compilation of reports should be submitted to Ministry in time.

4.13 Grievance Redressal Mechanism and status of disposal of complaints

The State has established the Grievance Redressal Mechanism under PM-POSHAN Scheme at State, District, Block and School level.

The State/ District Nodal officers send the complaints received in respect of District / Block /School to the concerned Nodal officers immediately and the concerned Nodal Officer at their respective levels address the complaints accordingly on priority.

Further, the State has also installed the Toll Free Number (1800-180-8007) at Directorate level. The complaints / grievances are received on every working day between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM. Moreover, State Government application software portal i.e. "E-Samadhan" and "CM Seva Sankalp Help line" on which any one can register his/ her grievances. The Department also receives the grievances of the public through post.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State Government to give wide publicity of the scheme, display of entitlement of children under PM-POSHAN etc. along with Toll Free number. This will help enhance awareness among community. PAB also stressed on timely disposal of complaints.

4.14 Cooking Competitions:

State Government informed that the Cooking competitions have not been conducted during FY – 2021-22. Steps will be taken to conduct Cooking Competitions during FY - 2022-23.

Comments of PAB: PAB has advised the State Government to prepare the calendar for the activity related to PM-POSHAN and adhere to the calendar to expedite accordingly.

4.15 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers and other capacity building activities:

State Government informed that no training to Cook-cum-Helpers was conducted during FY-2021-22 due to closure of schools on account of Covid-19 pandemic. The Department is planning to provide training to Cook-cum-Helpers at cluster level regarding maintenance of cleanliness, hygiene and proper cooking procedures.

The State Government is planning for one day training to all the Cook-cum-Helpers under FSSAI during 2022-23.

Comments of PAB: State Government was advised to conduct training programme of all Cook-cum-Helpers in a phased manner.

4.16 Data Entry on PM-POSHAN-MIS Web Portal:

PM-POSHAN MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of PM-POSHAN. The Annual data entry module captures master data on availability of Kitchen-cum-Stores, Kitchen Devices, Number of Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, mode of cooking etc. The Monthly data entry module captures data on number of days PM - POSHAN was served; number of meals served, Honorarium paid to Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, number of children received IFA tablets, number of children screened under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The State has completed Annual data entry for 90% schools and Monthly data entry for 76% in the MIS portal.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State Government that, Monthly data entry should be completed within the 10 days of next month. All the data entered into the MIS portal should be analyzed District wise. MIS data should be compared with the Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) before submission to MOE.

4.17 Status of implementation of Automated Monitoring System (AMS):

AMS has been put in place for real time monitoring of PM-POSHAN. Data on number of meals served on the particular day and reasons, if meal not served, is being captured from schools with no cost to school Head Masters/ Teachers.

No data was reported on Automated Monitoring System due to closure of schools on account of Covid-19 pandemic during 2021-22.

Comments of PAB : State was advised to ensure that daily data is being reported by 100% schools on all school working days.

4.18 Centralized Kitchens:

The PM-POSHAN Scheme is being implemented through School Management Committees (SMC's) in all schools in the State. Centralized Kitchens are not involved in the implementation of the PM-POSHAN Scheme in the State.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State to adhere to the extant guidelines for engaging any Civil Society Organizations / Non-Government Organizations in PM-POSHAN Scheme.

4.19 Social Audit:

State Government informed that the State Implementing Agency (i.e. Social Audit Unit (SAU) of State Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department) has been assigned the task of Social Audit of the scheme in four districts viz. Chamba, Kinnaur, Shimla & Sirmour during the year 2021-22. The said Agency has completed the work of Social Audit in all these four districts and the Public Hearing is yet to be conducted. After Public hearing in the presence of Central Government Representative, the final report will be compiled. However, the final report of Social Audit in respect of these four Districts along with the findings vis a vis, the action taken by the State Implementing Agencies on the findings will be shared with the Government of India by State Government in due course of time.

The State Implementing Agency is planning to cover all remaining eight districts of the State for Social Audit through Social Audit Unit's (SAU's) of State Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department of the State during 2022-23

Comments of PAB: PAB has further advised the State to conduct Social Audit in all districts of the State. It was emphasized that section 28 of National Food Security Act mandates Social Audit that is collective monitoring of a scheme by people's active involvement. The Social Audit Units (SAU) under MNREGS, may be actively involved in conducting Social Audit of PM-POSHAN Scheme in all districts. The benefits of Social Audit is that it informs and educates people about their rights and entitlements and it provides a collective platform for people to ask queries, express their needs and grievances. It also promotes people's participation in all stages of implementation of programme.

PAB has also advised the State Government to include the children as major stake holders of PM-POSHAN in this Social Audit process.

4.20 Provision of PM-POSHAN or Food Security Allowance during closure of schools due to COVID-19

The State Government informed that the Food grains are provided from school to the Parents of children (of both the Primary and Upper Primary category Children) enrolled in the schools by using social distancing and Cooking Cost is e-transferred into their Bank accounts as per the entitlement of children. After reopening of schools, State government has started the hot cooked meals in schools under PM POSHAN Scheme.

Comments of PAB: : PAB informed that Govt. of India has issued detailed guidelines for reopening of schools and resumption of hot cooked meals in schools and further advised the State to follow these guidelines for resumption of hot cooked meals in schools. It was further advised that the State needs to take all precautionary measures and special care while maintaining social distancing and covid appropriate behavior as advised by the respective Disaster Management Authorities.

4.21 Other proposals and issues discussed, if any

State Government requested to enhance the Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers and MME funds to place the person at Block level for day to day implementation of PM-POSHANS.

State Government has requested for additional funds for sanitization in School.

Comments of PAB : Honorarium to Cook-cum-helpers is being provided on sharing basis (i.e. Centre : State) as per PM-POSHAN guideline. State was advised to continue providing additional honorarium over and above the minimum mandatory State share to Cook-cum-Helpers from State Government own resources.

The MME funds are being provided as per the rules.

5. Component-wise Proposals and PAB-PM-POSHAN Approvals

It may be noted that hot cooked PM - POSHAN shall be served to every child studying in Pre-Primary (Bal Vatika) and for class I to VIII, on all school working days in all eligible schools as per the PM-POSHAN guidelines.

5.1 Coverage of children

State Government of Himachal Pradesh has proposed to cover 51067 children in Pre-Primary (Bal Vatika) classes, 303078 children in Primary classes and 211307 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2022-23.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB PM-POSHAN approved State's proposals to cover 51067 children in Pre-Primary (Bal Vatika) classes, 303078 children in Primary classes and 211307 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during FY-2022-23.

5.2 Coverage of Working Days

State Government has proposed to serve PM-POSHAN on 242 days each in Pre-Primary (Bal Vatika), Primary and Upper Primary schools during FY- 2022-23.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB PM-POSHAN expressed their concern on the State Government proposal on large number of working days. PAB has advised to State Government to rework / reframe on the colander of School Working days from next year onwards.

Further PAB has approved the proposal of State Government to serve PM-POSHAN on 242 days each in Pre-Primary (Bal Vatika), Primary and Upper Primary schools during FY- 2022-23.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

State Government has proposed to engage 15041 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and 6491 Cook-cum-Helpers in Upper Primary under PM-POSHAN Scheme during 2022-23.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB PM-POSHAN approved the proposal of State to engage 15041 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and 6491 Cook-cum-Helpers in Upper Primary under PM-POSHAN Scheme during 2022-23.

5.4 Drought

Drought has not been notified in the State.

Approval of PAB: Nil

5.5 Construction and Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores

State Government has not proposed construction of new Kitchen cum Stores.

State Government has proposed the Repair of 885 Kitchen-cum-Stores.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB PM-POSHAN approved the proposal of State Government for Repair of 885 Kitchen-cum-Stores.

5.6 Kitchen Devices

State Government has proposed procurement of 6 New Kitchen devices and Replacement of 863 Kitchen Devices.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB PM-POSHAN approved the proposal of State Government for procurement of 6 new Kitchen Devices and Replacement of 863 Kitchen Devices.

5.7 Flexibility for new interventions

5.7.1 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens

State Government has given the proposal for establishment of 1016 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB PM - POSHAN approved the proposal of State Government proposal for establishment of 1016 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens. PAB has further advised the State Government to have convergence with line departments for setting up of establishment of 1016 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens.

5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition

State Government informed that Additional / Supplementary Nutrition will be provided to the children of all the Pre-Primary, Primary and Upper Primary schools. State Government had submitted the proposal for Rs.1215.72 lakhs (Comprising for Rs.1139.87 lakhs Centre share and Rs. 121.57 lakhs State Share) for Additional Food Items once in a Week -- Seasonal Fruits / Milk for all 565452 – Children (Pre-Primary + Primary + Upper Primary) for @Rs.5/- per Children for 43 Weeks under Supplementary Nutrition component.

Approval of PAB : PAB-PM-POSHAN approved the proposal of State Government.

However, for School Nutrition Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, State may use a maximum of Rs 567.53 lakhs (i.e. comprising of Rs 516.16 lakhs as Central share and Rs 51.37 lakhs State Share (i.e. 5% of total recurring Central Assistance and Minimum mandatory State share)). This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (Recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

5.8 Cooking Competitions

State Government has proposed to organize cooking competitions at various levels i.e. Block level, District level and State level for promoting nutritious variety menu.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State for organizing cooking competitions at various levels by utilizing MME funds.

5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

State has proposed to train all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers during 2022-23.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State for training of all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers by utilizing MME funds.

5.10 Awareness Generation through Publicity and IEC activities

State proposed to carry out awareness generation activities like prominent display of entitlements of children under the Scheme, publicity of the Scheme and various IEC activities during 2022-23 by utilising MME funds.

Approval of PAB : Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State.

6. Summary of PAB-PM-POSHAN approvals (Physical) for the year 2022-23

6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB-PM-POSHAN Approvals (Physical) for 2022-23
1	Schools	
1.1	Primary	10729
1.2	Upper Primary	4783
1.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	--
2	Children	
2.1	Pre-Primary (Baal Vatika)	51067
2.2	Primary	303078
2.3	Upper Primary	211307
2.4	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	--
3	Working Days	
3.1	Pre-Primary (Baal Vatika)	242
3.1	Primary	242
3.2	Upper Primary	242
3.3	Special Training Centers (NCLP)	-
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	15041
4.2	Upper Primary	6491
5	Serving of PM-POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	
5.1	Children (Pry)	--
5.2	Children (U Pry)	--
5.3	Working days	--
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	--
6	Non-Recurring	
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores – New	Nil
6.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores	885
6.3	Kitchen Devices - (New)	6
6.4	Kitchen Devices - (Replacement)	863

6.2 Flexibility for new interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2022-23
1	Flexibility for new interventions	
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in 1016 schools)	1016
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions -- Additional Food Items once in a Week -- Seasonal Fruits / Milk for all 565452 – Children (Pre-Primary + Primary + Upper Primary) for @Rs.5/- per Children for 43 Weeks	565452
1.3 Any other proposal	--

7. Summary of PAB-PM-POSHAN approvals (Financial) for the year 2022-23

7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in lakhs)

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)	
1	Recurring				
1.1	Serving of PM-POSHAN during regular school working days	10323.20	1027.35	11350.55	
1.2	Serving of PM-POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	--	--	--	
	Total Recurring	10323.20	1027.35	11350.55	
2	Non-Recurring				
2.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store– Nil	--	--	--	
2.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores -885 KS				
	Total Kitchen - cum-Store (KS)	RATE-KS	CENTRE	STATE	TOTAL AMOUNT
	885	10000	79.65	8.85	88.50

S. No.	Particulars							Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
2.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices -- 6 New							0.59	0.07	0.66
	KD--NEW	TOTAL -KD	RATE / CATEG .	TOTAL VAL.	CENTRE	STATE	TOTAL			
	SLAB-1	5	10000	0.5000	0.45000	0.0500	0.5000			
	SLAB-2	1	15000	0.1500	0.13500	0.0150	0.1500			
	SLAB-3	0	20000	0.0000	0.00000	0.0000	0.0000			
	SLAB-4	0	25000	0.0000	0.00000	0.0000	0.0000			
	TOTAL -KD	6		0.65	0.585	0.065	0.65			
2.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices – 863 (Replacement)							82.53	9.17	91.70
	KD--REP	TOTAL -KD	RATE / CATEG .	TOTAL VAL.	CENTRE	STATE	TOTAL			
	SLAB-1	763	10000	76.30	68.670	7.630	76.30			
	SLAB-2	92	15000	13.80	12.420	1.380	13.80			
	SLAB-3	8	20000	1.60	1.440	0.160	1.60			
	SLAB-4	0	25000	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.00			
	TOTAL -KD	863		91.70	82.53	9.17	91.70			
Total Non-Recurring							162.77	9.235	180.86	
Total (Recurring + Non-Recurring)							10485.97	1045.44	11531.41	

7.2 Flexibility for new interventions

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
1	Flexibility for new interventions			
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in 1016 schools @ Rs. 5000 per School)	45.72	5.08	50.80
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions - Additional Food Items once in a Week -- Seasonal Fruits / Milk for all 565452 – Children (Pre-Primary + Primary + Upper Primary) for @Rs.5/- per Children for 43 Weeks	1094.15	121.57	1215.72
	Total	1139.87	126.65	1266.52

*Note: *Subject to submission of proposal by State and this expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (Recurring Central Assistance + State Share)*

8. The quantification of 100% Central Assistance of Rs.10485.97 lakhs & 16240.75 MTs Food grains and State Share for Rs.1045.44 lakhs has been done as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-PM-POSHAN approvals for the year 2022-23. The detailed component- wise quantification for 2022-23 is at Appendix-I.
9. It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of food-grains during 2022-23 under the Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, Rules, Guidelines and Instructions issued under the PM POSHAN Scheme from time to time, provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance, as applicable, on all school days.

During the year, if it is noticed by the State Government that more funds are needed to implement the Scheme, due to increase in the attendance of children, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach Government of India during the year with justification seeking additional Central Assistance and food grains. Similarly, if the Central Government observes less coverage than the approvals, the actual releases may be restricted to actual coverage.
10. The State is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the State and districts so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every eligible child must be served hot cooked Meals or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-PM POSHAN.
11. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

State : HIMACHAL PRADESH

QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY - 2022-23**A. Food grains**

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Pre-Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	51067	242	1235.82	0	1235.82
2	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	303078	242	7334.49	0	7334.49
3	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	211307	242	7670.44	0	7670.44
4	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	0	0	0	0	0
5	Drought					
4.1	Pre-Primary	0	0	0	0	0
4.2	Primary					
4.3	Upper Primary	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		565452		16240.75	0	16240.75

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
Pre-Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice 1235.82 MTs	37.07
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97/- per child per day for 51067 Children	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 4.47/-per child per day for 51067 Children	552.41
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 0.50/- per child per day for 51067 Children	61.79
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 2275.97/- Per MT food grains for 1235.82 MTs.	28.13
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper for 0 CCHs	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs 900/- for 10 months) for 0 CCHs	0

4.2	State Share - @ Rs 100/- for 10 months) for 0 CCHs	0
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	16.68
Total Central Share for Pre-Primary		634.29
Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice 7334.49 MTs	220.03
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97/- per child per day for 303078 Children	
7.1	Central Share @ Rs. 4.47/-per child per day for 303078 Children	3278.52
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 0.50/- per child per day for 303078 Children	366.72
8	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 2275.97/- Per MT food grains for 7334.49 MTs.	166.93
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper for 15041 CCHs	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 900/- for 10 months) for 15041 CCHs	1353.69
9.2	State Share - @ Rs 100/- for 10 months) for 15041 CCHs	150.41
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	135.52
Total Central Share for Primary		5154.69
Upper Primary		
11	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice 7670.44 MTs	230.11

12	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45/- per child per day for 211307 Children	
12.1	Central share @ Rs. 6.70/- per child per day for 211307 Children	3426.13
12.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.75/- per child per day for 211307 Children	383.52
13	Transportation cost @ Rs. 2275.97/- Per MT food grains for 7670.44 MTs	174.58
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper for 6491 CCHs	
14.1	Central Share - @ Rs 900/- for 10 months) for 6491 CCHs	584.19
14.2	State Share - @ Rs 100/- for 10 months) for 6491 CCHs	64.91
15	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	119.21
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		4534.22
NCLP		
16	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and Rs 2000 per MT for wheat	
17	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. per child per day	
17.1	Central share @ Rs. per child per day	
17.2	Minimum Mandatory UT Share @Rs. per child per day	
18	Transportation cost @ Rs. Per MT food grains	
19	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost and 3) Cost of Transportation	
Total Central Share for NCLP		0
Total of Central Share (Pre-Primary + Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)		10323.20

C. Non-recurring

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs.)
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		in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-store	NIL
2	Repair of kitchen-cum-store for 885 - KS Repair-Central Share	79.65
	State Share	8.85
3	Kitchen Devices (New) for 6 – KD New (5*9000+1*13500)(Central Share)	0.59
	(5*1000+1*1500)(State Share)	0.065
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement – for 863 KD for the Year 2012-13) (763*9000+92*13500+8*18000) (Central Share)	82.53
	(763*1000+92*1500+8*2000) (State Share)	9.17
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		162.77
Flexible funds for New Interventions (For School Nutrition Garden / Additional Nutritional Items etc.)		
5	(A) School Nutrition Garden @Rs.5000/- per school – For 1016 Schools	45.72
	(B) Additional Food Items once in a Week -- Seasonal Fruits / Milk for all 565452 – Children (Pre-Primary + Primary + Upper Primary) for @Rs.5/- per Children for 43 Weeks	1094.15
Total Central Share (Non-recurring) (Except Flexible Funds)		162.77

D. Total Requirement of Funds for FY - 2022-23

(Rs. in

Lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total
Recurring	Normal	10323.20	1027.35	11350.55
	Drought	--	--	--
Non- recurring		162.77	18.09	180.86
Grand Total		10485.97	1045.44	11531.41

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