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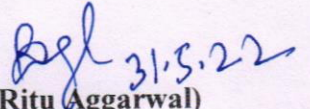
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 31st May, 2022

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 03.03.2022 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) in respect of UT Administration of Puducherry under PM POSHAN for 2022-23.

The meeting of Programme Approval Board-Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held on **03.03.2022** through Video Conferencing to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2022-23 in respect of **UT Administration of Puducherry.**

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

Encl. As above.


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10. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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5. Dr. Mridula Sircar, Chief Consultant, MoE.
6. Shri Dinesh Pradhan, Senior Consultant, MoE for uploading the minutes on PM-POSHAN website
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Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board held on 03.03.2022 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23 of PM POSHAN Scheme for the UT of Puducherry.

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-PM POSHAN (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held in New Delhi through video conferencing on 03.03.2022. 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 UT of Puducherry.
 - ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23 proposal of UT of Puducherry 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 drop out 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 the UT Government's good practices/initiatives viz. UT of Puducherry provides PM POSHAN to children of Pre-Primary & Class IXth to XIIth from its own resources. Breakfast Scheme is being implemented in Puducherry under which 100ml Hot-milk is being provided daily to the students studying from Pre-primary to XII Std. in Government / Govt. Aided Private Schools from UT's own resources. Egg is provided to the children twice a week from UT's own resources. Additional contribution is made from UT's own budget in Cooking Cost and

Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers over and above the mandatory UT share. Food is prepared in modernized Central Kitchens and Cluster Kitchens in an hygienic manner etc. Further, he expressed concern over the issue of the Cooking Cost being given in Cash under Food Security Allowance to the beneficiaries along with Food Grains during 2021-22. Social Audit of PM POSHAN has never been done in the UT. There is very low utilization of MME funds (37% only). The construction of 3 Kitchen-cum-Stores has not been completed as yet. Testing of only 2 Food samples was done in two districts (Pondicherry and Karaikal). No testing of food samples was done in remaining 2 districts (Yanem & Mahe) during 2021-22. There is NIL data entry in Automated Monitoring System in spite of schools being opened since December 2021 etc.

3. Secretary to Govt. Department of Education, UT of Puducherry, briefed the PAB about the performance of the Scheme in the UT during first three quarters of 2021-22 (01.04.2021 to 31.12.2021) and made the presentation on the proposals in Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2022-23.

4. Review of Performance during 2021-22 (01.04.2021 to 31.12.2021)

4.1 Coverage of children:

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

The UT has enrollment of 33059 children in Primary and 22552 children in Upper Primary. Out of these on an average basis Food Security Allowance has been provided to 33059 children (100%) in Primary and 22552 children (100%) in Upper Primary 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 29565 children at Primary and 21273 children at Upper Primary level. UT of Puducherry informed that due to closure of schools during Covid pandemic, all enrolled children were eligible for Food Security Allowance. Against these on an average basis 33059 children (112%) in Primary and 22552 children (106%) in Upper Primary have been covered under the scheme during the year 2021-22. Hence, over and above the PAB approval, the additional eligible 3494 children in Primary and 1279 in Upper Primary were provided Food Security Allowance from UT's own resources. Hence, the total of 33059 children in Primary and 22552 children in Upper Primary were benefitted under the scheme during 2021-22.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry for covering 100% of the enrolled children. Secretary (SE&L) also advised the State to ensure data parity on enrollment of children with UDISE+ data.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB has approved 151 days in Primary and 153 days in Upper Primary to be covered during first three quarters of 2021-22. The UT has reported coverage of 156 working days in Primary as well as Upper Primary.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the performance of the UT.

4.3 PFMS- Fund Flow Mechanism

The UT informed that they have completed almost all procedures for implementation of new system of release of funds in line with the revised procedure prescribed by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the UT to ensure that all requisite provisions of PFMS are followed to enable timely release of Central Assistance and corresponding UT share for smooth implementation of scheme at all levels.

4.4 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):

UT has reported utilization of 37% of the funds under MME head during the first three quarters of 2021-22.

Comments of PAB: PAB emphasized on the importance of monitoring for better implementation of the scheme and advised the UT to ensure full utilization of the funds under MME. UT was also advised for documentation of innovative practices, display of entitlements of children in all schools etc.

4.5 Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and honorarium

PAB-PM POSHAN has approved 1031 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during 2021-22 in the UT. The UT has engaged all 1031 Cook-cum-Helpers. UT of Puducherry is providing additional honorarium to CCH ranging from Rs. 6458/- to Rs 21000/- per month depending on their seniority.

Comments of PAB: PAB-PM POSHAN appreciated the additional contribution made by the UT of Puducherry towards honorarium to CCH.

4.6 Kitchen-cum-Stores (Construction as well as repair):

Central Assistance of Rs. 149.47 lakhs has been released for construction of 105 Kitchen-cum-Stores. As on 31.12.2021, construction has been completed for 102 Kitchen-cum-Stores and construction work is in progress for 3 Kitchen-cum-Stores. During last year PAB –PM POSHAN meeting, UT committed to complete the construction of all Kitchen-cum-Stores by 31st September, 2021 but still the construction of 3 Kitchen –cum-Stores has not been completed, although funds have already been released by GoI. UT of Puducherry assured to complete the construction of remaining 3 Kitchen-cum-Stores during 2022-23.

Comments of PAB: PAB-PM POSHAN advised the UT of Puducherry to complete the construction work of the remaining 3 Kitchen-cum-Stores at the earliest and submit the Utilization Certificate to the Ministry.

4.7 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs. 22.95 lakhs has been released towards procurement of 459 units of Kitchen Devices during 2006-07 to 2021-22. The UT has reported that all 459 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured.

Central Assistance of Rs. 8.85 lakhs has been released towards replacement of 382 units of Kitchen Devices during 2006-07 to 2021-22. The UT has reported that all 382 units of Kitchen Devices have been replaced.

Comments of PAB: PAB-PM POSHAN appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry.

4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:

UT has developed School Nutrition Gardens in only 100 schools out of 426 schools. It was informed that due to closure of schools during 2021-22, the development work of School Nutrition Gardens could not be taken up.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the UT to make concerted efforts for development of School Nutrition Gardens in all schools. UT may develop School Nutrition Gardens in the remaining schools in convergence with local Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department etc. The funds available under MNREGA of Department of Rural Development for certain eligible components may also be utilized in convergence with them.

4.9 Community Participation - Tithi Bhojan or similar practices

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

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the UT to make more efforts to involve community in this unique scheme under PM POSHAN. It is also requested to record details both in kind as well as in value of the contributions. Secretary (SE&L) emphasized the importance of community participation in better implementation of the scheme. She further added that Tithi Bhojan is a wonderful way to transform the community involvement and community ownership of scheme into 'JAN ANDOLAN'. She advised the State to make efforts to conduct such activities at least once in a month in each school.

4.10 Additional Food Items:

The UT of Puducherry informed that in addition to PM POSHAN, Breakfast Scheme is being implemented in Puducherry under which 100ml, Hot-milk is being provided daily to the students studying from Pre-Primary to XII Std. in Government / Govt. Aided Private Schools from UT's own resources. Egg is provided to the children twice in a week to improve the nutrient content in the Meal.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of the UT.

4.11 Testing of meals :

The UT has reported that Food samples are being tested by Food & Drugs Testing laboratory, Puducherry. Testing of dry items and food samples are periodically carried out in Food & Drugs Testing laboratory. During the 2021-22, 2 food samples were randomly selected and tested in 2 districts only. Food Samples in remaining 2 districts viz. Yanam and Mahe were not checked.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated laboratory testing of dry ration samples as well as cooked samples and advised the UT to continue testing of samples and to cover all districts.

4.12 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers and other Capacity building activities:

UT has not organized training of Cook-cum-Helpers due to Covid pandemic and closure of all schools during 2021-22.

Comments of PAB: UT was advised to organize training programmes for all the Cook-cum-Helpers.

4.13 Data Entry on PM POSHAN-MIS Web Portal:

PM POSHAN-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of PM POSHAN Scheme. 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 Rashtritya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The UT has completed Annual data entry for 100% schools and Monthly data entry for 100% schools in the MIS portal.

Comments of PAB: PAB-PM POSHAN appreciated the efforts of the UT of Puducherry for completing all data entries Annual as well as Monthly in the Web Portal upto December 2021 and advised the UT of Puducherry to maintain the consistency and accuracy of the data entered.

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

During 2021-22 entries under AMS could not be made because schools remained closed due to Covid pandemic and dry ration was distributed. Schools were opened in the month of December 2021 only.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the reasons and advised the UT to ensure submission of 100% information on all working days under AMS when schools are opened.

4.15 Centralized Kitchens:

This UT is preparing food for the students in 10 Centralized Kitchens, 9 School based Cluster Kitchens and 11 School Canteen Centres. As far as implementation of the PM POSHAN programme is concerned, the Directorate of School Education is the Nodal Department and as such, the programme is implemented under the overall supervision of the Directorate of School Education. There are 426 number of Govt. and Govt. aided schools in Puducherry. 33059 students in Primary schools while 22552 in Upper Primary schools are catered through Centralized Kitchens. The Akshaya Patra Foundation, an NGO from Chennai has been engaged for the provision of PM POSHAN in Puducherry region in a Centralized manner from 4th February, 2022 by serving hot meal to the school children. In other 3 districts, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions,

the current pattern will be followed for serving the meals through Department run Centralized Kitchens and School Canteen Centers respectively.

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

4.16 Social Audit:

UT of Puducherry has never conducted Social Audit in any district out of total 4 districts so far inspite of repeated requests on all forums. The UT has also not submitted the Annual Action plan for conducting Social Audit for FY 2022-23. The UT informed that as per the Guidelines of MoE, Directorate of School Education, Puducherry has submitted the proposal to the Government of Puducherry. On the concurrence of the Government of Puducherry, Social Audit will be conducted in the UT of Puducherry in the coming Academic year 2022-23. Moreover all schools were closed last year due to Covid pandemic and dry ration kit was distributed.

JS (EE.I) raised concern over non conduct of Social Audit in the UT and informed that as per the directions from the Ministry of Expenditure it is mandatory to conduct Social Audit of PM POSHAN scheme in all schools on regular basis and to take corrective measures in case of deficiencies pointed out. JS (EE.I) advised UT of Puducherry to utilize the resources of the RD department of the UT and conduct Social Audit of the PM POSHAN scheme at the earliest and inform the Ministry.

Comments of PAB:

PAB advised UT of Puducherry to conduct Social Audit of the PM POSHAN at the earliest as now all schools are open and share the report with the Ministry. As per PM POSHAN guidelines, Social Audit is to be conducted in all the schools in a phased manner by utilizing MME funds.

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

In the UT of Puducherry, during the closure of schools, Food Security Allowance has been disbursed to all the enrolled children for 156 days (Primary) and 156 days (Upper Primary), including Summer Vacation of 36 days during 2021-22. Food Security Allowance consisted of Food grains- FCI rice and Cooking cost- Cash has been disbursed to the children in the concerned schools for the year 2021-22.

JS (EE.1) inquired about the reasons for distributing cooking cost in cash to the beneficiaries. As per directions, all beneficiaries have to be distributed cooking cost through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode only. UT of Puducherry informed that since the cooking cost amount was very minimal and 100% enrolled children were not having bank accounts, so cooking cost was distributed in cash. From this year, all beneficiaries will be distributed cooking cost through DBT mode only.

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 UT to follow these guidelines for resumption of hot cooked meals in schools. It was further advised that the UT 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

5. Component wise Proposals and PAB-PM POSHAN Approvals

5.1 Coverage of children

UT Government has proposed to cover 7774 children in Bal Vatika, 33059 children in Primary classes and 22552 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2022-23.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved to cover 7774 children in Bal Vatika, 33059 children in Primary classes and 22552 children in Upper Primary classes on an average basis during 2022-23.

5.2 Coverage of Working Days

UT Government has proposed to serve PM POSHAN for 210 days in Bal Vatika, 210 days in Primary and 220 days in Upper Primary schools during 2022-23.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved the proposal of the UT to serve PM POSHAN for 210 days in Bal Vatika, 210 days in Primary and 220 days in Upper Primary schools during 2022-23.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

UT Government has proposed to engage 556 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and 475 Cook-cum-Helpers in Upper Primary under PM POSHAN during 2022-23.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved the proposal of the UT to engage 556 Cook-cum-Helpers in Primary and 475 Cook-cum-Helpers in Upper Primary schools under PM POSHAN Scheme during 2022-23.

5.4 Drought

Drought has not been notified in the UT.

Approval of PAB: Nil.

5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores

UT has not submitted any proposal.

Approval of PAB: PAB advised the UT to complete the construction of already sanctioned Kitchen-cum-Stores.

5.6 Kitchen Devices

UT has not submitted any proposal.

Approval of PAB: Not Applicable.

5.7 Conducting of Social Audit of PM POSHAN Scheme.

UT of Puducherry has proposed to conduct Social Audit in convergence with Department of Rural Development or any other suitable agency during 2022-23.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB advised UT of Puducherry to conduct Social Audit of the PM POSHAN scheme and share the report with the Ministry. As per PM POSHAN guidelines Social Audit is to be conducted in all the schools in a phased manner by utilizing MME funds.

5.8 Flexibility for new interventions

PAB observed that UT has not submitted any proposal under flexibility for Innovative interventions. For School Nutrition Gardens and Supplementary Nutrition interventions, UT may converge with respective line departments.

Approval of PAB: PAB appreciated the development of School Nutrition Gardens through convergence and also appreciated the Supplementary Nutrition from UT's own resources.

5.9 Cooking Competitions

UT Government has proposed to organize cooking competitions at various levels i.e. Block level, District level and Head Quarter level.

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

5.10 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

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

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

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	236
1.2	Upper Primary	190
2	Children	
2.1	Bal Vatika	7774
2.2	Primary	33059
2.3	Upper Primary	22552
3	Working Days	
3.1	Bal Vatika	210
3.2	Primary	210
3.3	Upper Primary	220
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	556
4.2	Upper Primary	475
5	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	
5.1	Children (Pry)	0
5.2	Children (U Pry)	0
5.3	Working days	0
5.4	Cook-cum-helpers	0
6	Non Recurring	
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
6.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0
6.3	Kitchen Devices	0
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0

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 (Settingup in all schools)	In convergence with line departments in the UT.

1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by State)	In convergence with line departments in the UT.
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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 UT Share	Total (Central + UT Share)
1	Recurring			
1.1	Serving of PM POSHAN during regular school working days	Rs. 615.41	Rs. 359.73	Rs. 975.14
1.2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0	0	0
Total Recurring		Rs. 615.41	Rs. 359.73	Rs. 975.14
2	Non Recurring			
2.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store	0	0	0
2.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores	0	0	0
2.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (new)	0	0	0
2.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0	0	0
Total Non-Recurring		0	0	0
Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)		Rs. 615.41	Rs. 359.73	Rs. 975.14

7.2 Flexibility for new interventions

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory UT Share	Total (Central + UT Share)
1	Flexibility for new interventions			
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens	In convergence with other line departments in the UT		

1.2	Provision of supplementary nutrition items to eligible children under PM POSHAN Scheme	In convergence with other line departments in the UT
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8. The quantification of Central Assistance of Rs. **615.41** lakhs & **1601.71** MTs foodgrains and minimum mandatory UT share of Rs. **359.73** 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 UT 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 UT is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the UT and districts so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every child attending an eligible school must be served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-PM POSHAN.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

UT: PUDUCHERRY

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

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	Working days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Bal Vatika & Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	40833	210	857.49	0	857.49
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	22552	220	744.22	0	744.22
4	Drought					
4.1	Primary	0	0	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		63385		1601.71	0	1601.71

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	25.72
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 4.97/- per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 2.98/-per child per day	255.53
2.2	Minimum Mandatory UT of Puducherry Share @ Rs. 1.99/-per child per day	170.64
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750/- Per MT food grains	6.43
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600/- for 10 months)	33.36
4.2	Minimum Mandatory UT of Puducherry Share @ Rs 400/- for 10 months)	22.24
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	8.67
Total Central Share for Primary		329.71

Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	22.33
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 7.45/- per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.47/- per child per day	221.78
7.2	Minimum Mandatory UT of Puducherry Share @ Rs. 2.98/- per child per day	147.85
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750/- Per MT food grains	5.58
9	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600/- for 10 months)	28.50
9.2	Minimum Mandatory UT of Puducherry Share @ Rs 400/- for 10 months)	19.00
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	7.51
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		285.70
NCLP		
11	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	
12	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs.4.97 /-per child per day	
12.1	Central Share @ Rs. 2.98/-per child per day	
12.2	Minimum Mandatory UT of Puducherry Share @ Rs. 1.99/-per child per day	
12.3	Transportation cost @ Rs 750/- Per MT food grains	
12.4	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Cooking cost and 3) Cost of transportation	
Total Central Share for NCLP		
Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + NCLP)		615.41

C. Drought : NIL

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in lakhs)
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 UT of Puducherry 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	UT of Puducherry 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 UT of Puducherry Share	
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	UT of Puducherry Share -	
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 lakhs)
1	Kitchen-cum-Store	NIL
2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Store	NIL
3	Kitchen Devices (NIL)	NIL
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement- NIL)	NIL
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		NIL

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2022-23

(Rs. in lakhs)

Component		Centre Share (60%)	Minimum Mandatory UT share (40%)
Recurring	Normal	615.41	359.73
	Drought	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0
Grand Total		615.41	359.73

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