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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Education**  
**Department of School Education & Literacy**  
**PM-POSHAN Division**  
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**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024**

**Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 27.03.2024 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) of State of Chhattisgarh under PM POSHAN for 2024-25.**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board (PAB) – Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM-POSHAN) was held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on **27.03.2024** under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Government of India, to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2024-25 in respect of State of Chhattisgarh.

2. The minutes of the above PAB meeting have been approved by the Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy and the same are enclosed for information and necessary action.

**Encl. As above.**

  
**(J.B. Nath)**  
**Under Secretary to the Govt. of India**

To,

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4. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi.
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14. Shri Bhupal Nanda, Pr. CCA, PFMS.
15. Ms. Archana Sharma Awasthi, Joint Secretary (AE & SS-1), MoE.
16. Shri Sanjog Kapoor, JS & FA, MoE.
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18. Ms. Prachi Pandey, Joint Secretary (EE.I), MoE.
19. Ms. A. Srija, Economic Adviser, MoE.
20. Shri V. Hegde, DDG(Statistics), MoE.
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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 of PM POSHAN Scheme for the State of Chhattisgarh.**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-PM POSHAN (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 27.03.2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), 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 the PM POSHAN Scheme in the State of Chhattisgarh.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 proposal of State of Chhattisgarh for the PM POSHAN Scheme.

**2.** Shri Anandrao V. Patil, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L, Government of India, welcomed the Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB and other members of PAB-PM POSHAN. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB in his opening remarks stated that PM POSHAN scheme is a Rights-based Centrally Sponsored Scheme. He emphasised on the importance for PM POSHAN scheme in providing nutrition support to eligible students through provision of hot cooked meals. Additional Secretary, DoSE&L highlighted the focus areas for 2024-25 viz. timely submission of proposals regarding release of funds, health check-up of all students, maintenance of health cards, provision of micronutrients and de-worming medicines, Social Audit of the scheme as per scheme guidelines, daily data entry of 100% schools on Automated Monitoring System (AMS), setting up of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) for ensuring Micronutrients in the meals, and experiential learning for students to grow their own vegetables, testing of Meals through NABL accredited laboratories, encouraging Community Participation through "**Tithi Bhojan**", training of all engaged Cook-cum-Helpers and ensuring LPG for preparation of meals in all Kitchen etc.

3. Further, he invited Shri Pardeshi Siddharth Komal, Secretary (School Education), Government of Chhattisgarh to brief the PAB about implementation of the scheme in the State. The Secretary (Education), Government of Chhattisgarh and Director (PM POSHAN), Govt. of Chhattisgarh made a presentation on the performance of Scheme in the State during FY 2023-24 and proposals under Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25.

Subsequently, on behalf of the Government of India, the Additional Secretary, DoSE&L, made a presentation, on the analysis of implementation of the scheme in Chhattisgarh during FY 2023-24 and the recommendations for FY 2024-25 based on the appraisal of State's AWP&B-2024-25, for consideration and approval of PAB.

#### 4. Review of Performance during 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023

##### 4.1 Coverage of students:

Average number of students covered under the Scheme with reference to enrolment and PAB approval are as under:

Stage	Enrolment	PAB approval for 2023-24	Average number of students availed meals	% Avg. students availed meals vis-a-vis enrolment	% Avg. students availed meals vis-a-vis PAB approval
Bal Vatikas	55,834	43,990	0	0%	0%
Primary	17,78,533	15,79,384	14,74,580	83%	93%
U. Primary	11,21,246	9,15,888	8,93,486	80%	98%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,55,613</b>	<b>25,39,262</b>	<b>23,68,066</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>93%</b>

Secretary DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB observed that the average coverage of students was less than 75% in Upper Primary in the districts of Bilaspur, Surguja, Gaurela-Pendra Marwahi, Bemetara and Korba. He suggested that State Govt. may verify the low coverage in these districts and action taken report may be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

## **4.2 School Working Days:**

PAB had approved 151 days to be covered during April to November, 2023, State has reported coverage of 122 working days.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information and advised State Government to ensure provision of hot cooked meals on all school working days to all eligible students under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

## **4.3 Financial Performance:**

PAB had approved financial outlay of Rs 54378.44 lakh comprising of Rs 34161.24 lakh as Central Share and Rs 20217.19 lakh as State Share for FY 2023-24. The PAB also approved allocation of 74,330.71 MTs food grains.

It was further informed that State has Unspent balance of Rs 9666.04 lakh available as on 01.04.2023. 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Rs 3558.29 Lakh was released to State on 14.12.2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Rs 3558.29 lakh was released on 24.01.2024 and 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of Rs 8391.31 lakh released on 21.02.2024.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information and advised the State to expedite submission of proposal for 4<sup>th</sup> instalment of Central Assistance.

## **4.4 PFMS - Fund Flow Mechanism**

State informed that they have completed 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, and now PFMS is used for all releases and expenditure purposes under the scheme.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to ensure transfer of both Central and State funds to SNA within the stipulated timelines of 30 days. Further, PAB advised the State Government to ensure the following:

- i) State Linked Scheme (SLS) to be created for shareable and non-sharable components.
- ii) Transfer of funds (Central and State) to SNA within 30 days upon receiving by State Treasury from Govt of India. In case of delay in transfer of funds, interest shall be charged as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.



- iii) Mapping of all identified IAs on or before 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024.
- iv) Expenditure is done exclusively through PFMS only.
- v) Deposit of interest earned in SNA to CFI within prescribed timelines.
- vi) Submission of legacy data after approval of State Finance Department, if any.
- vii) Provision of adequate budgetary provisions in State budget both for Central and State shares.
- viii) All information is reflected properly in corresponding tables / Reports in PFMS.

#### **4.5 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):**

State Government has reported utilization of 76% of the allocated funds under MME component for the period of April to November, 2023.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed concern over low utilisation of MME funds and emphasized on the importance of monitoring and awareness generation for better implementation of the scheme and advised the State to ensure optimal utilisation of the funds under MME. State Government was also advised to ensure display of entitlements of students in all schools, carry out appropriate IEC activities for awareness generation and testing of meals through NABL / FSSAI accredited laboratories.

#### **4.6 Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and payment of honorarium**

PAB-PM POSHAN had approved 93,421 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during 2023-24 in the State. The State has engaged 88,142 Cook-cum-Helpers. State is providing an additional amount of Rs 1000 per CCHs per month from its own resources over and above its minimum mandatory share.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the additional contribution made by the State towards honorarium to the CCHs. Further PAB advised the State Government to engage CCHs as per need and norms of the Scheme.

#### **4.7 Kitchen-cum-Stores (Construction):**

It was informed that Central Assistance of Rs.32339.95 Lakh has been released for construction of 47266 Kitchen-cum-Stores during 2006-07 to 2011-12. Construction has been completed for all 47266 kitchen-cum-stores.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information.

#### **4.8 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):**

Central assistance of Rs.2960.50 lakh was released towards procurement of 59210 units of Kitchen Devices during 2006-07 to 2019-20. The State has reported that all units had been procured.

Central Assistance of Rs. 5350.75 lakh has also been released towards replacement of 92036 units of Kitchen Devices during 2012-13 to 2018-19. The State has reported that all units of Kitchen Devices have been procured.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB advised the State of Chhattisgarh to use appropriate vessels for cooking of meals as per the guidelines and advisory issued by Government of India to States from time to time. He also asked the State to ensure proper hygiene in Kitchens.

#### **4.9 School Nutrition Gardens:**

State Government has developed School Nutrition Gardens in 24,887 schools (54%) out of 45,860 schools.

#### **Comments of PAB: PAB shown dissatisfaction on poor performance of SNGs.**

Secretary, DoSEL-cum-Chairman of PAB observed that in some districts viz. Janjgir Champa, Bilaspur, Udaipur, Mungeli, Jashpur, Surajpur and Narayanpur less than 30% schools have School Nutrition Gardens. PAB also advised the State to set up SNGs in 100% of the schools especially in these districts. As per norms Rs. 5000/- per school may be used for development and maintenance of School Nutrition Gardens under flexi funds component. School Nutrition Gardens may also be developed in convergence with local Krishi Vigyan Kendra of 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.

#### **4.10 Community Participation – Tithi Bhojan or similar practices:**

Chhattisgarh has initiated '**Nyota Bhojan**' a community participation programme under the PM POSHAN Scheme. In this programme Public representatives, community members, NGOs etc provides food to schools students on special occasions such as festivals, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages, and days of national importance etc.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB lauded the efforts of State Government and advised to further popularise the initiative across the State for enhanced community participation and providing additional nutritional food item to children.

#### **4.11 Supplementary nutrition items:**

It was informed that State Government is providing millet based supplementary nutrition items under the flexibility component.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated provision of supplementary nutrition to the students.

#### **4.12 Testing of meals:**

State Government reported that testing of meals could not be undertaken during the year.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed deep concern over no testing of meals and advised the State Government to carry out the testing of the samples of meals to check quality and nutritional contents etc. through NABL / FSSAI accredited laboratories across the State as envisaged in the Scheme guidelines and the reports may also be shared.

#### **4.13 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and other capacity building activities:**

State Government reported that training has been conducted for only 9,263 Cook-cum-Helpers out of total engaged 88,142 during FY 2023-24. It was also informed that cooking competitions could not be organised.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed dissatisfaction over no training for almost 90% Cook-cum-Helpers during 2023-24. PAB advised State to organise training / refresher course for all Cook-cum-Helpers every year. PAB further advised the State to organise cooking competition during FY 2024-25 and share the report with the PM POSHAN Bureau, Ministry of Education.

#### **4.14 Data Entry on PM POSHAN-MIS Web Portal:**

PM POSHAN-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of the 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 meals were served; number of meals served, honorarium paid to Cook-cum-Helpers, number of students who received



IFA tablets, number of students screened under Rashtritya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The State Government has completed annual and monthly data entry for 100% schools respectively in the MIS portal.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of State and advised the State Government to maintain complete up-to date data entry (100%) every month. PAB also advised the State Government to ensure that officials at various levels are sensitized about significance of correct data entry and quality check of the data entered in MIS, through reviews on monthly basis.

#### **4.15 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 a particular day and, reasons, if meals are not served, are being captured from schools with no cost to school headmasters/teachers. Out of 45,860 schools, on an average basis, daily data has been reported by **34,266 (77%)** schools on Automated Monitoring System.

**Comments of PAB: PAB noted the AMS reporting. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB, advised the State to take concrete steps and ensure 100% data submission by all schools on all school working days on AMS by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

#### **4.16 Centralized Kitchens:**

Centralized Kitchens have been engaged for providing meals to about 1.16 lakh students in 743 schools in 5 districts.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information and advised the State to adhere to the extant guidelines for engaging Civil Society Organisations / Non-Government Organisations in the Scheme.

#### **4.17 Social Audit:**

Social Audit could not be conducted during FY 2023-24 through specialised agencies.

**Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB expressed anguish over non-conduct of Social Audit in the State.** He further advised the State Government to conduct Social Audit as per the scheme guidelines in at least 20 schools or 2% of schools, whichever is higher in each district through independent agencies having

experience in conduct of such audits. State Government was also advised to draw annual calendar of activities to conduct Social Audit in a manner so that it is completed by September 2024. State was also advised to share the Social Audit Report with Action Taken Report thereon after completion of Social Audit. Expenditure on Social Audit may be met from MME component.

#### **4.18 Menu:**

The PM POSHAN Guidelines envisage that 100 gram food grains, 20 gram pulses, 50 gram vegetables and 5 gram oil to be used per meals per child in Primary and 150 gram food grains, 30 gram pulses, 75 gram vegetables and 7.5 gram oils to be used per child per meals in Upper Primary. It was informed that State has revised the menu to ensure provision of all envisaged items and prescribed nutritional norms on all days.

Secretary, DoSEL-cum-Chairman of PAB advised the State that the food norms of the scheme as mentioned in the below table are to be followed in true spirit so that students receive prescribed calories, proteins, fats etc. in prescribed amounts.

<b>S. N.</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Upper Primary</b>
<b>A) Nutrition norm per child per day</b>			
1.	Calorie	450	700
2.	Protein	12 gms	20 gms
<b>B) Food norms per child per day</b>			
1.	Food grains	100 gms	150 gms
2.	Pulses	20 gms	30 gms
3.	Vegetables	50 gms	75 gms
4.	Oil & fat	5 gms	7.5 gms
5.	Salt & condiments	As per need	As per need

#### **4.19 Use of fortified items under PM POSHAN Scheme: Better nutrition through Efficiency gains by Centralized procurement of Pulses, Double Fortified Salt and Fortified Oil at State / district level:**

Double Fortified Salt fortified with Iron and Iodine is very crucial in addressing Anaemia and Goitre. Oil fortified with Vitamin A and D is beneficial for the eyes and general health. Provision of pulses is also very crucial in providing good quality protein which is essential for healthy growth of Students. Accordingly, the Scheme guidelines envisages usage of double Fortified Salt and Fortified Oil and also specify the quantity of pulses i.e. 20 gram per child per day in Primary and 30 gram per child per day in Upper Primary on all school working days under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

However, these fortified items are not easily available in the local markets at school level in many States and therefore, generally not used in preparation of hot cooked meals. Similarly, less use of pulses than the prescribed quantities has been observed in many instances across the States. In this regard it was informed that Union Cabinet has approved that the schemes having nutrition component would utilize pulses from the Central Buffer. This has already been communicated to States that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution maintains buffer stock of pulses and has offered to provide **Chana Dal** at subsidized rates under the PM POSHAN scheme.

PAB advised the State Government to send proposal to procure pulses from buffer stock being maintained by Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, the Government of India, to benefit from economies of scale and assured subsidized rate in the interest of students. This will also ensure availability and use of pulses at school level ensuring provision of protein as per norms like in the case of food grains.

It was also advised that State may procure double fortified salt and fortified oil in centralized manner from PSUs Government of India/State Government.

#### **4.20 Use of Shree Anna (Millets):**

State Government has not submitted any proposal for inclusion of millets under the PM POSHAN in the AWP&B for FY 2024-25.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB observed that, Shree Anna or millets are group of small grains - abode of vitamins, minerals, essential fatty acids, and antioxidants that can help to reduce several nutritional deficiency diseases. State Government was advised to explore the possibilities for use of Shree Anna (millets) in meals at least once a week under the PM POSHAN Scheme. PAB also advised State to provide millet based items under the flexi funds component.

#### **4.21 Status of Health Check-ups, provision of IFA and De-worming Medicine:**

State Government informed that health check-up has been carried out for 91% of the enrolled students. Iron & Folic Acid tablets and de-worming medicines were administered to 88% and 96% of the enrolled students respectively.

**Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the steps taken by State Government and also noted that health check-ups of about 3.10 lakh students were still pending.**

Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB advised Government of Chhattisgarh to ensure coverage of 100% students for health check-ups and to maintain their health cards. Further, PAB suggested that focused group data of adolescent girls, students of aspirational districts, etc. may be captured and used for necessary corrective action if required. School should capture Height and Weight of each students at least annually and digitised the data. Teachers may also be trained to visually observe the signs of Anaemia and Dental problems. The health cards prepared by doctors are to be digitised and maintained regularly. Parents of the students may be informed accordingly for referrals, if required.

**4.22 Direct Benefit Transfer – Aadhaar enrolment:** State Government informed that 27.88 lakh (94%) of the enrolled students have Aadhaar.

**Comments of PAB:** Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB, appreciated coverage of Aadhaar for 94% students and advised the State to ensure coverage of Aadhaar to remaining 6% students also. State was advised to carry out Aadhaar authentication process with the help of NIC & UIDAI. Aadhaar based de-duplication may also be carried out annually. MME funds may be utilised for this purpose.

It was further informed that the PM POSHAN scheme is identified as DBT 'In Kind' scheme under Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act. For availing benefits under the PM POSHAN Scheme, Aadhaar enrolment number can be insisted, subject to consent of parents/guardian for enrolment. **However, no child shall be denied benefits if, for some reasons, he/she is not having Aadhaar, the benefit shall be given by verifying the identity on the basis of any other documents.**

#### **4.23 Any other issues:**

State also requested for:

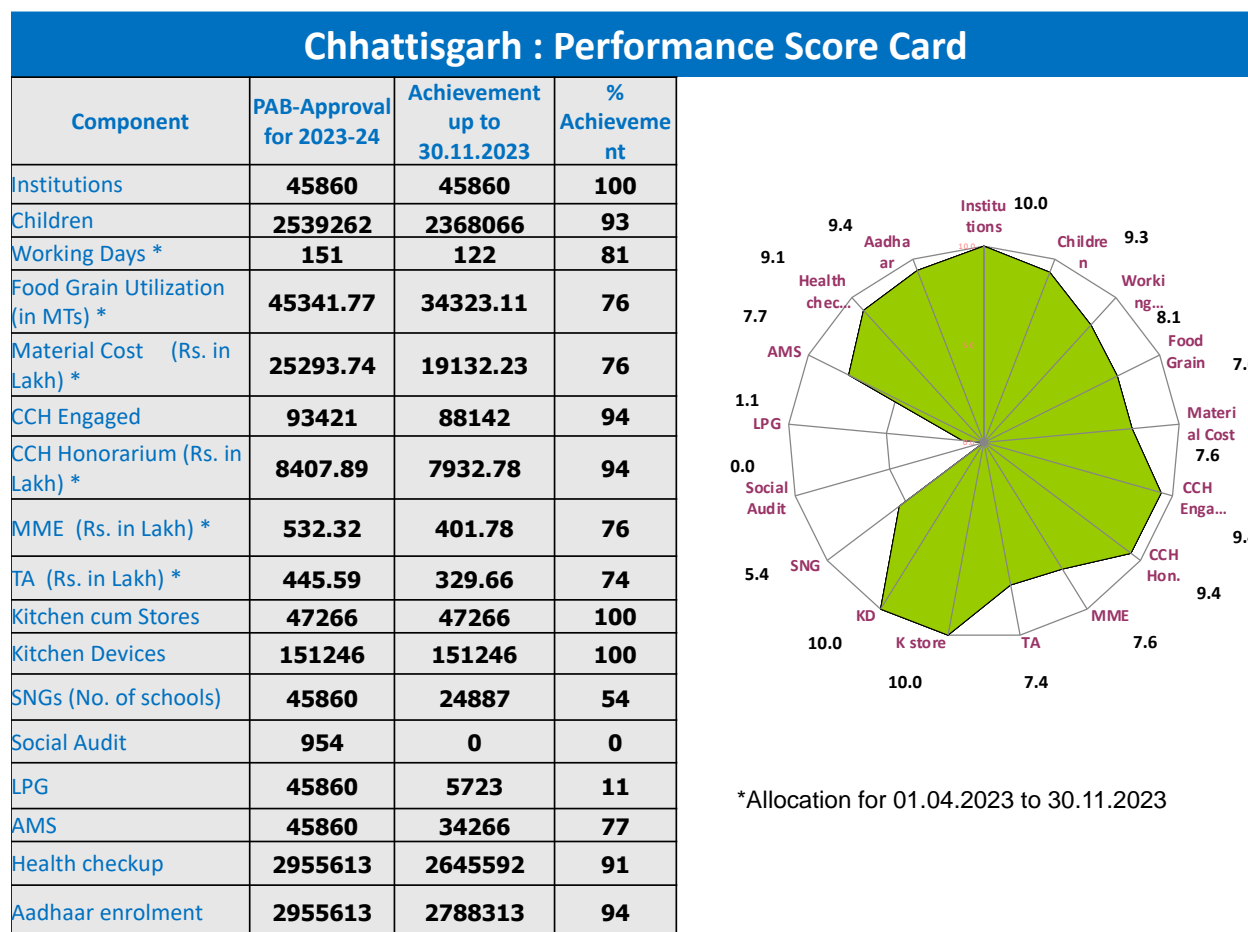
- i) Enhancement of honorarium of Cook-cum-Helpers
- ii) Enhancement of material cost
- iii) Enhanced material cost for schools with less enrolment

- iii) Enhance the MME funds
- iv) Provision of eating plates for students.

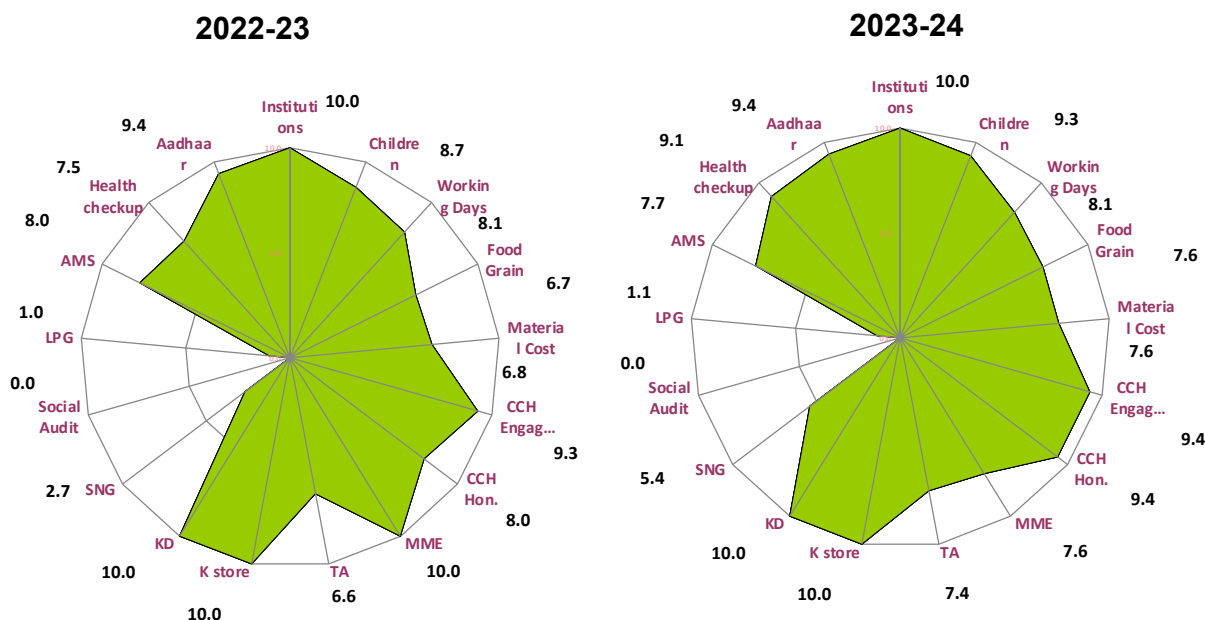
**Comments of PAB:** The request was noted by PAB and the State of Chhattisgarh was asked to submit specific proposals on the above.

#### 4.24 Overall analysis of the performance

The overall analysis of the performance of scheme during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was presented to PAB through score card. The score card based on performance indicators of the scheme is as under:



## Chhattisgarh : Year wise Performance Score Card



Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB observed that though State has made improvements in certain areas from 2022-23 to 2023-24 like Development of School Nutrition Gardens, Coverage of Health Check-up etc. still there are areas for improvement. He further advised the State Government to take corrective measures where the State performance is poor e.g., provision of LPG, conduct of Social Audit, development of School Nutrition Gardens, utilisation of Transportation Assistance etc. for improving the performance under the Scheme. He further advised that this radar chart is an effective tool for periodic monitoring of key indicators under the Scheme and may be used for district wise review of performance indicators on monthly basis. Further, he emphasized that the time-series data on key indicators may be prepared in order to identify deviations, analyse reasons and accordingly initiate timely remedial measures. **State was advised to provide LPG in all schools kitchen on priority basis.**



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

### **5.1 Coverage of Students**

State Government has proposed to cover 57,525 students in Bal Vatikas, 18,31,893 students in Primary Classes and 11,54,881 Students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. Total proposal submitted for 30,44,299 students to be covered under the scheme during 2024-25.

**Approval of PAB:** After detailed discussions, PAB approved to cover 48,000 students in Bal Vatikas, 15,21,742 students in Primary Classes and 9,35,576 Students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. PAB approval was given for 25,05,318 students to be covered during FY 2024-25. However, PAB advised Govt. of Chhattisgarh to send proposal for additional funds, if there is any increase in the number of eligible students, over and above the approval given by the PAB under the Scheme.

### **5.2 Coverage of Working Days**

State Government has proposed to serve hot cooked meals on 246 days in Bal Vatikas, Primary and Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25.

**Approval of PAB:** After discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to serve hot cooked meals on 246 days in Bal Vatikas, Primary and Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25.

### **5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)**

State Government has proposed to engage 93,420 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under the PM POSHAN Scheme during FY 2024-25.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to engage 93,420 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under the PM POSHAN Scheme during FY 2024-25.

### **5.4 Drought**

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

## **5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-stores**

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

## **5.6 Kitchen Devices**

State Government has submitted proposal for procurement of kitchen devices in 132 schools during FY 2024-25 with financial outlay of Rs 18.65 lakh comprising of Centre Share of Rs 11.19 lakh and State Share of Rs 7.46 lakh.

State Government has also submitted proposal for replacement of kitchen devices in 28436 schools during FY 2024-25 with financial outlay of Rs 3103.70 lakh comprising of Centre Share of Rs 1862.22 lakh and State Share of Rs 1241.48 lakh.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State.

## **5.7 Flexibility for Innovative interventions**

For School Nutrition Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, State may use 5% of total approved budget under recurring assistance of the Scheme i.e., Rs 2661.44 lakh comprising of Rs. 1596.86 lakh as Centre Share and Rs 1064.58 lakh as State Share. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

### **5.7.1 School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs)**

State Government has proposed that School Nutrition Gardens will be developed in remaining 20973 schools in convergence with other line Departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Forest and Panchayat Department.

### **5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition**

State Government has proposed to provide millet / protein bar on 50 days to 9 lakh students with financial outlay of Rs 3000.00 lakh comprising of Central Share of Rs 1800.00 lakh and State Share of Rs 1200.00 lakh.

**Approval of PAB:** After detailed discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to provide millet / protein bar on 50 days to 9 lakh students with financial outlay of Rs 2661.44 lakh comprising of 1596.86 lakh as Centre Share and Rs 1064.58 lakh as State Share.

## **5.8 Social Audit**

State Government has proposed to conduct Social Audit in each district across the State during FY 2024-25 by utilising MME funds.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State. State was advised to conduct Social Audit in not less than 954 schools across the State. Further, State was advised to draw annual calendar of activities to conduct Social Audit and to share action taken report after conducting Social Audit. Social Audit may be completed for FY 2024-25 by September, 2024 and report be submitted before October, 2024.

## **5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers**

State Government has proposed to conduct training of all engaged Cook-cum-Helpers during FY 2024-25.

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

## **5.10 Cooking Competitions**

State Government has proposed to organize cooking competitions by utilizing MME funds at various levels i.e. State, District and block levels.

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

## 6. Summary of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals(Physical) for FY 2024-25

### 6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. N.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for FY 2024-25
<b>1</b>	<b>Schools</b>	
1.1	Primary	31,869
1.2	Upper Primary	13,991
	<b>Total</b>	<b>45,860</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Students</b>	
2.1	Bal Vatikas	48,000
2.2	Primary	15,21,742
2.3	Upper Primary	9,35,576
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,05,318</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Working Days</b>	
3.1	Bal Vatikas	246
3.2	Primary	246
3.3	Upper Primary	246
<b>4</b>	<b>Cook-cum-Helpers</b>	
4.1	Primary	62,056
4.2	Upper Primary	31,364
	<b>Total</b>	<b>93,420</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>	
5.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
5.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0
5.3	Kitchen Devices (New)	132
5.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	28,436

### 6.2 Flexibility for Innovative Interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for FY 2024-25
1	<b>Flexibility for Innovative Interventions</b>	
1.1	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions	Provision of Millet / Protein bar to about 9 lakh students for 50 days

## 7. Summary of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals (Financial) for the year 2024-25

### 7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
<b>1</b>	<b>Recurring -Serving of meals during regular school working days</b>			
1.1	Material cost	23904.75	15944.17	39848.92
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	5605.20	3736.80	9342.00
1.3	Cost of food grains	2194.15	0	2194.15
1.4	Transportation assistance	961.77	0	961.77
1.5	MME	881.98	0	881.98
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33547.85</b>	<b>19680.97</b>	<b>53228.82</b>
2	Serving of meals during summer vacations in drought affected areas	0	0	0
	<b>Total - Recurring</b>	<b>33547.85</b>	<b>19680.97</b>	<b>53228.82</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Non-Recurring</b>			
3.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store	0	0	0
3.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Store	0	0	0
3.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (new)	11.19	7.46	18.65
3.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	1862.22	1241.48	3103.70
	<b>Total Non-Recurring</b>	<b>1873.41</b>	<b>1248.94</b>	<b>3122.35</b>
	<b>Grand Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)</b>	<b>35421.26</b>	<b>20929.91</b>	<b>56351.17</b>

### 7.2 Flexibility for new interventions

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
<b>1</b>	<b>Flexibility for new interventions</b>			
1.1	Provision of Supplementary Nutrition items : Millet / Protein bar to about 9 lakh students for 50 days	<b>1596.86</b>	<b>1064.58</b>	<b>2661.44</b>

*Note: This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).*

- 8.** PAB has approved total Financial outlay of **Rs 56351.17 lakh** comprising of Central Share of Rs. **35421.26 lakh** and State Share of Rs. **20929.91 lakh** for FY 2024-25. PAB also approved allocation of **73138.41 MTs** food grains for FY 2024-25. The detailed component-wise quantification for 2024-25 is at **Appendix**. The minimum mandatory State Share has been calculated based on the existing norms and sharing pattern. However, State may add additional funds from their own resources.
- 9.** It is pertinent to note that the Govt. of India bears entire cost of food grains i.e. Rs. 28655.62 lakh for the State of Chhattisgarh@ Rs 39.18 per kg for rice, of which Rs. 26461.48 lakh is in the form of subsidy borne through Department of Food & Public Distribution under the National Food Security Act, 2013.
- 10.** It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of food grains during 2024-25 under the PM POSHAN 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 various reasons, like increase in the attendance of students, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach the PM POSHAN Bureau, DoSE&L, Government of India, 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.

State shall ensure uninterrupted supply of hot cooked meals to all eligible students on all school days as per the provisions in para 2.2 (v) of PM POSHAN Guidelines even in case of delay in release of funds, food grains supply constraints or for any other reasons.



**11. The State Government 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 student is served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-PM POSHAN.**

**12.** It was also informed that, PAB has decided to conduct, State/UT wise, mid-term appraisal of PM POSHAN Scheme to review the performance under the Scheme during FY 2024-25 the and action taken by State/UT on the issues discussed in the PAB meeting and commitments made by the State/UT.

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



**STATE OF CHHATTISGARH : QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2024-25****A. Food grains**

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Students	Working Days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Bal Vatikas (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	48,000	246	1180.80	0	1180.80
2	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	15,21,742	246	37434.85	0	37434.85
3	Upper Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	9,35,576	246	34522.75	0	34522.75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,05,318</b>		<b>73138.41</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73138.41</b>

**B. Cost of Food grains, Material 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
<b>Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	1123.05
2	<b>Unit Material Cost-</b> Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	12241.20
2.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per child per day</b>	8160.80
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1315 Per MT food grains	492.27
4	<b>Honorarium for 62056 Cook-cum-Helper</b>	
4.1	<b>Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months</b>	3723.36
4.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months</b>	2482.24
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	474.66
<b>Total Central Share for Primary</b>		<b>18054.53</b>
<b>Upper Primary</b>		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	1035.68
7	<b>Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per child per day</b>	

7.1	<b>Central share</b> @ Rs. 4.90 per child per day	11277.43
7.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share</b> @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	7525.96
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1315 Per MT food grains	453.97
9	<b>Honorarium for 31364 Cook-cum-Helpers</b>	
9.1	<b>Central Share</b> - @ Rs 600 for 10 months	1881.84
9.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share-</b> @ Rs 400 for 10 months	1254.56
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	395.52
<b>Total Central Share for Upper Primary</b>		<b>15044.45</b>
<b>Bal Vatikas</b>		
11	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	35.42
12	<b>Unit Material Cost-</b> Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
12.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	386.12
12.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share</b> @ Rs 2.18 per child per day	257.41
13	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1315 Per MT food grains	15.53
14	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material cost iii) Cost of transportation	11.80
<b>Total Central Share for Bal Vatikas</b>		<b>448.87</b>
<b>Total Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + Bal Vatika)</b>		<b>33547.85</b>

**C. Drought : Nil**

**D. Non-recurring :**

Sl. No.	Component	Central Share Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-Store (0)	0
2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Store (0)	0
3	Kitchen Devices (New) (132)	11.19
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement) (28436)	1862.22
<b>Total Central Share (Non-recurring)</b>		<b>1873.41</b>

**E. Flexible funds for new interventions**

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Component	Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total
1	Serving of PM POSHAN during regular school working days – from Table B	33547.85	19680.97	53228.82
2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0	0	0
<b>3</b>	<b>Total (1+2)</b>	<b>33547.85</b>	<b>19680.97</b>	<b>53228.83</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions @ 5% of total recurring assistance</b>	<b>1596.86</b>	<b>1064.58</b>	<b>2661.44</b>
4.1	Provision of Supplementary Nutrition items : Millet / Protein bar to about 9 lakh students for 50 days	<b>1596.86</b>	<b>1064.58</b>	<b>2661.44</b>

**F. Total Allotment of Funds for 2024-25**

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total
Recurring	Normal	33547.85	19680.97	53228.82
	Drought	0	0	0
Non- recurring		1873.41	1248.94	3122.35
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>35421.26</b>	<b>20929.91</b>	<b>56351.17</b>



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