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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 Karnataka 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 Karnataka.

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.


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10. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
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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 Karnataka.

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 PM POSHAN Scheme in the State of Karnataka.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 proposal of Karnataka for PM POSHAN Scheme.

2. Shri Anandrao V. Patil, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L, Government of India, welcomed the Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB and other members of the PAB-PM POSHAN. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB, in his opening remarks stated that the PM POSHAN Scheme is a Rights-based Centrally Sponsored Scheme. He emphasized that the Scheme provides nutritional support through hot cooked meals to eligible students, under the National Food Security Act, 2013. The Scheme plays pivotal role in enhancing enrollment and increasing students' attendance in schools. Additional Secretary DoSE&L, highlighted the focus areas for 2024-25 viz., timely submission of proposals for release of funds, health check-up for 100% students, maintenance of health cards and provision of Micronutrients and De-worming medicine, Social Audit of the Scheme as per the 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 to encourage the students to learn how to grow

vegetables, testing of meals through NABL/FSSAI accredited laboratories, encouraging Community Participation through "Tithi Bhojan", training of all engaged Cook-cum-Helpers and ensuring LPG for preparation of meals etc.

3. Further, he invited Shri Ritesh Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, the Govt. of Karnataka to brief the PAB about the implementation of the Scheme in the State. The Commissioner (PM POSHAN), Government of Karnataka made a presentation on the performance of the State under the Scheme during FY 2023-24 and the proposals of Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B)-2024-25.

Subsequently, from the side of the Government of India, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L, made a presentation on the analysis of implementation of the Scheme 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 the 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
Primary	2709905	2749061	2579292	95	94
U. Primary	1638639	1648393	1559249	95	95
Total	4348544	4397454	4138541	95	94

PAB observed that there is a reduction of 28,2012 in enrolment from 2022-23 to 2023-24. The coverage has also gone down and there is a reduction of 2,58,913 Students from 2022-23 to 2023-24. The Secretary DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB advised the State to review the above reduction and to submit a report by 30th April 2024. The PAB observed that efforts may be made to cover all the eligible students under the Scheme.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB approved 143 days at Primary and Upper Primary level to be covered during 1st April to 30th November 2023. The State reported coverage of all 143 days (100%).

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the coverage of working days by State Government as hot cooked meals were served on all school working days to all eligible students under PM POSHAN Scheme.

4.3 Financial Performance:

PAB had approved financial outlay of Rs 90868.45 lakh comprising of Rs. 57261.41 Lakh as the Central Share and Rs. 33607.04 lakh as the State Share for FY 2023-24. The PAB also approved allocation of 127408.26 MTs food grains for the FY 2023-24.

It was further informed that the State had an unspent balance of Rs 865.06 lakh available as on 01.04.2023. The first instalment of Rs 13518.98 Lakh was released on 22.09.2023 and the second instalment of Rs 13518.98 lakh was released on 08.01.2024 to the State. The third installment of Rs. 13951.52 lakh was released on 13.03.2024 and the fourth instalment of Rs. 13951.52 lakh was released to the State on 29.03.2024.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the information. The Secretary DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB advised the State to comply with the following conditions by 30th April 2024.

- a) All Implementing Agencies (IAs) should be mapped to SNA as zero balance Accounts.
- b) Money, if any, lying in any other old Accounts pertaining to PM-POSHAN shall be transferred back to the SNA.
- c) SNA Account of PM-POSHAN shall not be used for any other Scheme.

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 the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, and now PFMS is being

used for all releases and expenditure purposes under the Scheme. The State Govt. of Karnataka has not created the State Linked Scheme (SLS).

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the efforts of State Government in implementation of new system for release of funds under PFMS. As per SNA 06 report of PFMS, the State Government transferred the Central Assistance along with the corresponding State share within the stipulated time of 30 days. Provision of adequate budgetary provisions in the State budget both for the Central and the State share has been made by the State.

- i) State Linked Scheme (SLS) to be created for sharable and non-sharable components.
- ii) Transfer of funds (Central and State) to SNA within 30 days upon receiving by the State Treasury from the Government of India. In case of delay in transfer of funds, interest shall be charged as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.
- iii) Mapping of all identified IAs.
- iv) Expenditure is done exclusively through PFMS only.
- v) Deposit of interest earned in SNA to the CFI within prescribed timelines.
- vi) Submission of Legacy Data Entry after approval of State Finance Department, if any.
- vii) Provision of adequate budgetary provisions in the State budget both for the Central and the 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 98% of the allocated funds under MME component during April to November 2023 of the year 2023-24.

Comments of PAB: PAB emphasized on the importance of monitoring and awareness generation for better implementation of the Scheme and advised the State to ensure optimal utilization of the funds under the MME. State Government was also advised to ensure display of entitlements of students in all schools and to 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:

The PAB-PM POSHAN has approved 1,22,461 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during FY 2023-24 in the State, however, the State has engaged 1,21,637 (99%) Cook-cum-Helpers. The State has proposed to engage 1,21,637 Cook-cum-Helpers during FY 2024-25. On the query raised by Additional Secretary DoSE&L, on whether State is providing any additional honorarium to the CCH, the State mentioned that it is providing an additional honorarium of Rs. 2,700 to the Headcooks and 2,600 to the Cooks per month from its own resources.

Comments of PAB: The PAB advised the State Government to engage the CCH as per need and norms. PAB appreciated the additional contribution made by the State towards honorarium to the CCH.

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

Central Assistance of ₹.53929.41 lakh has been released for construction of 40,477 Kitchen-cum-Stores during 2006-07 to 2023-24. State has informed that construction of 40,473 Kitchen-cum-Stores has been completed. State further informed that it will surrender the funds for construction of 4 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores as construction of these units is not possible.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores and advised the State to surrender the funds sanctioned by the Govt. of India for these 4 units, along with interest chargeable thereon, if any.

4.8 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs. 3102.09 lakh was released towards procurement of 62,058, units of Kitchen Devices over several years. The State Government has reported that all 62,058 units had been procured. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB advised the State of Karnataka to use appropriate vessels for cooking of meals as per the guidelines and advisories issued by the Government of India to the States from time to time. He also asked the State to ensure proper hygiene in kitchen-cum-Stores.

Comments of PAB : PAB appreciated the 100% procurement of Kitchen Devices.

4.9 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:

State Government has developed School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) in 32,772 (62%) schools out of 53,284 schools.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB observed that though the State performance is better in developing SNGs but few districts performance is less than desirable e.g. Dharwad (18%) Kolar (30%) Gadag (35%), Bagalkot (44%), Chikballapur (54%), Belagavi Chikkodi (49%). PAB also advised the State to set up SNGs in 100% of the schools. As per norms Rs. 5000/- per school may be used for development and maintenance of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) under Flexi funds component. School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) may also be developed 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.

4.10 Community Participation – Tithi Bhojan or similar practices:

In the State of Karnataka Tithi Bhojan has been adopted by the State Government by the name '**Shale Gagi Navu Neevu**' under which, members from general public provide nutritious meals or fruits to students on special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries or festivals etc.

Comments of PAB: The PAB appreciated the steps taken by State Government. PAB also observed that during FY 2023-24 about 11,512 students benefited under the Tithi Bhojan and advised the State to create awareness and increase better community involvement for Tithi Bhojan.

4.11 Supplementary nutrition items:

State Government provided eggs/bananas, chikki and milk in addition to the regular hot cooked meals.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the information and appreciated provision of supplementary nutrition.

4.12 Testing of meals:

State Government reported that 143 samples were tested during FY 2023-24 through NABL Accredited Laboratories.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted 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 per Scheme Guidelines.

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

State Government reported that training of Cook-cum-Helpers was carried out during the FY 2023-24 and 1,16,383 (95%) Cook-cum-Helpers were trained. State has also reported that all CCHs (from all districts) participated in cooking competitions.

Comments of PAB: State Government was advised to organize training programmes for all Cook-cum-Helpers during FY 2024-25 and was advised to organize training programmes and cooking competition for all Cook-cum-Helpers during FY 2024-25 and submit its report.

4.14 Data Entry on PM POSHAN-MIS Web Portal:

PM POSHAN-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of 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 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 SwasthyaKaryakram (RBSK) etc. The State Government has made annual (100%) and monthly (98%) data entry for schools in the MIS portal.

Comments of PAB: The PAB noted that information and advised the State to maintain up-to-date data entry every month. The PAB 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 the 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 53,284 schools, on an average basis daily data has been reported on Automated Monitoring System by 42,146 schools only i.e. 80% of them .

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB appreciated that 80% of schools are reporting data on Automated Monitoring System, which is an important platform for monitoring of the Scheme. He further advised the State to ensure submission of data by 100% schools on all school working days on the AMS by 30th June 2024.

4.16 Centralized kitchens:

5,329 schools and 7,43,625 students are covered through 62 centralized kitchen run by NGOs in the State under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

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 has been conducted in 1078 schools. Social Audit has been carried out by the Directorate of Social Audit, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Bengaluru during the period from 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023.

Comments of PAB: The PAB noted the information. State Government was advised to conduct Social Audit as per the Scheme Guidelines in at least 20 schools or 2% of the 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 and action taken thereon after completion of Social Audit. Expenditure on Social Audit may be met from the 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 meal per child in Primary and 150 gram food grains, 30 gram pulses, 75 gram vegetables and 7.5 gram oil to be used per child per meal in Upper Primary. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB appreciated the wide range of items provided by the State in their menu. He further opined that the food norms of the Scheme are to be followed in true spirit so that students receive prescribed calories, proteins, fats etc. in prescribed portions as mentioned in the below table.

S. N.	Items	Primary	Upper Primary
A) Nutrition norm per child per day			
1.	Calorie	450	700
2.	Protein	12 gms	20 gms
B) Food norms per child per day			
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. Oils fortified with Vitamin A and D are beneficial for 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 envisage usage of double fortified salt and fortified oils and also specify the quantity of pulses i.e. 20 gram per student per day in Primary and 30 gram per student per day in Upper Primary on all school 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 the 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, 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 of Govt. 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 the 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 of use of Shree Anna (millets) in meals once a week under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

4.21 Status of Health Check-ups, provision of IFA and De-worming Medicine: State Government informed that health check-ups have been carried out for 38,39,879 (88%) of the enrolled students. The State further informed that IFA and De-worming medicines were not administered due to procurement issues.

Comments of PAB: Secretary DoSE&L- cum-Chairman of the PAB shown satisfaction on health check-ups performance and observed that the health check-ups for about 5,08,665 students are still pending. Further, health check-ups were less in Belgavi and Bhelgavi Chikkodi (62%), Bellary (62%), Koppal (71%) and Yadgir (71%). **He further expressed deep concern over non administration of IFA and De-worming medicines.** Further, the 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. Capacity Building of teachers may be done to enable them to capture height and weight of students, at least annually. Teachers may also be trained to visually observe the signs of Anemia and Dental problems. The health cards prepared by doctors are to be maintained. Parents of the students may be informed accordingly for referrals, if required.

4.22 Direct Benefit Transfer – Aadhar enrolment: State Government has informed that 40.02 lakh (92%) students have Aadhaar.

Comments of PAB: Secretary DoSE&L- cum- Chairman of the PAB appreciated the efforts made by the State. State was advised to carry out Aadhaar authentication process with the help of the NIC & the 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 PM POSHAN Scheme, Aadhaar enrolment number can be insisted, subject to the 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. States & UTs may collect Aadhaar data with the consent of parents.

4.23 : Any Other issue:

State also requested for:

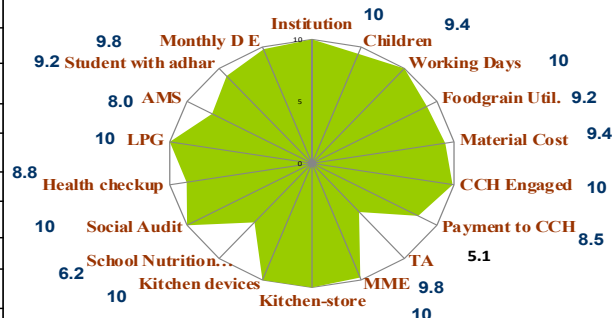
- i) Enhancement of honorarium of Cook-cum-Helpers to Rs.3000/-
- ii) Transportation Cost for food grains to be enhanced to Rs.3000 per Metric ton.
- iii) Enhance the MME funds;
- iv) Increase in unit cost of repairs for kitchen cum stores,
- v) Procurement and Usage of Double Fortified Salt
- vi) Allocation of millets/Shree Anna.

Comments of PAB :The request was noted and State of Karnataka was asked to submit specific proposals.

4.23 Overall analysis of the performance

The overall analysis of the performance of the Scheme during the period from 01-04-2023 to 30-11-2023 has been done. The score card based on performance of the State on the indicators of the scheme is as under:-

Karnataka : Performance Score Card			
Component	PAB-Approval for 2023-24	Achievement up to 30.11.2023	% Achievement
Institutions	53284	53284	100
Children	4397454	4138541	94
Working Days *	143	143	100
Food Grain Utilization (in MTs) *	75170.87	69293.89	92
Material Cost (Rs. in Lakh) *	40956.26	38318.61	94
CCH Engaged	122461	121637	99
CCH Honorarium (Rs. in Lakh) *	8572.27	7298.22	85
TA (Rs. in Lakh) *	1127.56	576.94	51
MME (Rs. in Lakh) *	1028.16	1014.25	98
Kitchen cum Stores	40477	40473	100
Kitchen Devices	105091	105091	100
SNGs (No. of schools)	53284	32772	62
No. of Children's Health Check-up	4348544	3839879	88
Social Audit	1065	1078	100
Students with Aadhaar	43,48,544	40,02,749	92
No of Schools with LPG	53284	53284	100
AMS	53284	42146	80
Monthly Data Entry Institutions	53284	52556	98

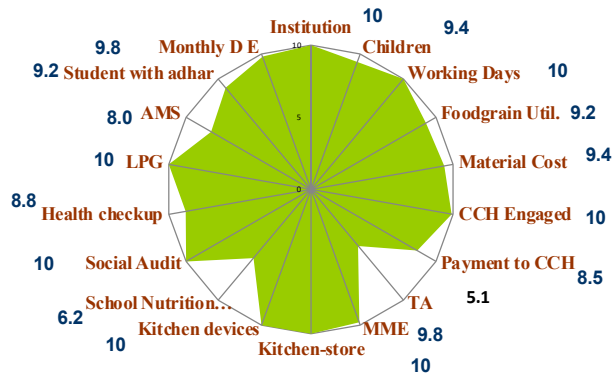
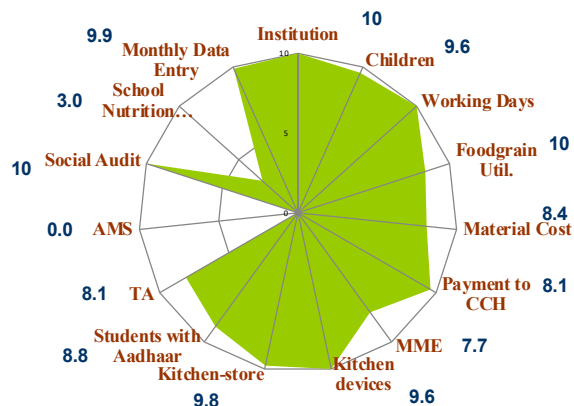


*Allocation for 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023

Karnataka : Year wise Performance Score Card

2022-23

2023-24



Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB observed that the State has made good progress on aspects of the AMS, the LPG and the School Nutrition Gardens. He further advised the State Government to take corrective measures on health check-ups and provision of IFA and De-worming medicines for improving the performance of the State under the Scheme.

He further advised that this radar chart is an effective tool for district wise periodic monitoring of key indicators under the Scheme and may be used for reviewing the performance of the districts. Further, he emphasized that the time-series data on key indicators may be prepared in order to identify deviations, analyze reasons and accordingly initiate timely remedial measures.

5. Component wise Proposals and PAB-PM POSHAN Approvals

5.1 Coverage of Students

State Government has proposed to cover 25,79,292 students in Primary Classes and 15,59,249 students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. Thus, total of 41,38,541 lakh students are proposed for coverage under the Scheme during FY 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, PAB approved 25,79,292 students in Primary Classes and 15,59,249 students in Upper Primary Classes during 2024-25 as proposed by the State. **The PAB approval was given for total of 41,38,541 lakh students to be covered during FY 2024-25.** However, PAB advised Karnataka to send proposal for additional Central Assistance, if there is any increase in the number of eligible students over and above the the approval given by the PAB under the Scheme.

5.2 Coverage of Working Days

State Government has proposed to serve meals on 244 school days in Primary and Upper Primary level during FY 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to serve meals on 244 school days in Primary and Upper Primary levels during FY 2024-25.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

State Government has proposed to engage 1,21,637 Cook-cum-Helpers under the PM POSHAN Scheme during FY 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to engage 1,21,637 Cook-cum-Helpers as per the need under the PM POSHAN Scheme during FY 2024-25.

5.4 Drought

State Government has proposed to cover 16,25,946 students in Primary Classes and 9,83,184 students in Upper Primary Classes for 41 days during 2024-25. State has also proposed to engage 60,826 Cook-cum-Helpers for cooking and serving meals during drought. Total proposal is submitted for coverage of 26,09,130 lakh students in drought affected areas under the Scheme during FY 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, the PAB approved 16,25,946 students in Primary Classes and 9,83,184 students in Upper Primary Classes and 60826 Cook-cum-Helpers for cooking and serving meals for 41 days during 2024-25 as proposed by the State. Thus, PAB approval is given for 26,09,130 lakh students to be covered in drought affected areas during FY 2024-25.

5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores

State has proposed to repair 3906 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores during FY 2024-25 with Financial Assistance of Rs. 390.60 lakh comprising of Rs 234.36 lakh as the Central Share and Rs. 156.24 lakh as the corresponding State share.

Approval of PAB: After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to repair 3906 units of Kitchen- cum-Stores in 2024-25 with Financial Assistance of Rs.390.60 lakh comprising of Rs.234.36 lakh as the Central Share and Rs.156.24 lakh as the corresponding State share.

5.6 Kitchen Devices

State Government has proposed replacement of 17,936 units of Kitchen Devices during 2024-25 with the Financial Assistance of Rs. 2627.85 lakh comprising of Rs 1576.71 lakh as the Central share and Rs. 1051.14 lakh as the corresponding State Share.

Approval of PAB: After the discussions, the PAB approved the proposal of State for the replacement of 17,936 units of Kitchen Devices for FY 2024-25 with the Financial Assistance of Rs. 2627.85 lakh comprising of Rs 1576.71 lakh as the Central Share and Rs. 1051.14 lakh as the corresponding State share.

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

5.7.1 School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs)

No proposal submitted by State Government.

5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition

State Government has proposed to provide eggs to 14,16,369 lakh students for 50 days in 8 districts during 2024-25 with a financial outlay of Rs. 4207.32 lakh comprising of Rs 2524.39 lakh as the Central Share and Rs 1682.93 lakh as the State Share with the funds available under flexi component.

Approval of PAB:After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to provide eggs to 14,16,369 lakh students for 50 days in 8 districts during 2024-25 with a financial outlay of Rs. 4207.32 lakh comprising of Rs 2524.39 lakh as the Central Share and Rs 1682.93 lakh as the State Share with the funds available under flexi component.

5.8 Social Audit

State has proposed to carry out Social Audit as per the Scheme Guidelines in all the districts in at least 20 schools or 2% of the schools, whichever is higher for each district.

Approval of PAB: After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government carry out Social Audit in at least 20 schools or 2% of the schools whichever is higher for each district . 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 the period of 2024-25 may be completed by September-October 2024.

5.9 Cooking Competitions

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

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

5.10 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

State Government has proposed to train all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers during 2024-25.

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

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

6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. N.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2024-25
1	Schools	
1.1	Primary	20,445
1.2	Upper Primary	32,839
	Total Schools	53,284
2	Students	
2.1	Primary	25,79,292
2.2	Upper Primary	15,59,249
	Total Students	41,38,541
3	Working Days	
3.1	Primary	244
3.2	Upper Primary	244
4.	Drought	
4.1	Students Primary	16,25,946
4.2	Students Upper Primary	9,83,184
4.3	Working days (Pry + Upper Primary)	41
4.4	Cook-cum-Helpers	60,826
5	Cook-cum-Helpers	
5.1	Primary	39,464
5.2	Upper Primary	82,173
6	Non Recurring	
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores-Stores	0
6.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores-stores	3,906
6.3	Kitchen Devices (New)	0
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	17,936

6.2 Flexibility for Innovative Interventions(Physical)

S. N	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2024-25
1	Flexibility for Innovative Interventions	
1.1	School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs)	Proposal not submitted
1.2	Provision of Supplementary nutrition through Eggs 2 per week, in 8 districts, for 50 Days.	Schools - 12,241 schools. Students -14,16,369.

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

7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
1	Recurring -Serving of meals during regular school working days			
1.1	Material cost	39222.04	26160.71	65382.74
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	7298.22	4865.48	12163.70
1.3	Cost of food grains – (132716.20 MTs of Rice and Wheat)	3403.29	0	3403.29
1.4	Transportation Assistance	1800.05	0	1800.05
1.5	MME	1396.54	0	1396.54
	Total	53120.13	31026.19	84146.32
2.	Serving of meals in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	5582.26	3258.03	8840.30
	Total Recurring			
3	Non-Recurring			
3.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores (3906)	234.36	156.24	390.60
3.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices	00	00	00
3.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement) (17936)	1576.71	1051.14	2627.85
	Total Non-Recurring	1811.07	1207.38	3018.45
	Grand Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)	60513.46	35491.60	96005.07

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	Provision of Supplementary nutrition through Eggs 2 per week, in 8 districts, for 50 Days in 12,241 schools for 14,16,369 students.	2549.46	1699.64	4249.11

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

8. The total financial outlay of **Rs. 96005.07 lakh** in which Central Assistance of **Rs. 60513.46 lakh** & minimum mandatory State Share of **Rs. 35491.60 lakh** and **132716.20** MTs of food-grains by Government of India has been finalized as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals for the year 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 Government of India bears entire cost of food grains i.e. Rs.49344.44 lakh for the State of Karnataka@ Rs.39.18 per kg for Rice and Rs.27.03 per kg for Wheat for 2024-25, of which Rs.45581.37 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 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 of 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 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 the PAB has decided to conduct a State/UT wise, mid-term appraisal of the PM POSHAN Scheme to review the Scheme during FY 2024-25 and submission of action taken report by the 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 KARNATAKA-QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY 2024-25

A. Food grains

Sl.	Stage	No of Children	Working Days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice (83.60%)	Wheat (16.40%)	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	2579292	244	52613.43	10321.29	62934.72
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	1559249	244	47709.28	9359.24	57068.52
	Total	4138541		100322.71	19680.53	120003.24
Drought				Rice (83.00%)	Wheat (17.00%)	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	1625946	41	5533.09	1133.28	6666.38
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	983184	41	5018.66	1027.92	6046.58
	Total	2609130		10551.76	2161.20	12712.96
Grand Total		6747671		110874.46	21841.73	132716.20

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
Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice,@ Rs.2000 per MT for Wheat and @ Rs.1000 per MT for coarse grains.	1784.83
2	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	20579.66
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per child per day	13719.77
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	944.02

4	Honorarium for Cook-Cum-Helper	
4.1	Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	2367.84
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	1578.56
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material Cost iii) Cost of Transportation Assistance and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	693.26
Total Central Share for Primary		26369.61
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice,@ Rs. 2000 per MT for Wheat and @ Rs.1000 per MT for coarse grains.	1618.46
7	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.90 per child per day	18642.37
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 3.27per child per day	12440.94
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	856.03
9	Honorarium for Cook-cum-Helpers	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	4930.38
9.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share- @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	3286.92
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material Cost iii) Cost of transportation Assistance and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	703.28
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		26750.52

C. Drought :

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Drought Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice,@ Rs. 2000 per MT for Wheat and @ Rs.1000 per MT for coarse grains.	188.66
2	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day	

2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	2179.90
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per child per day	1453.27
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	100.00
4	Honorarium for Cook-Cum-Helper	
4.1	Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	729.91
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	486.61
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the v) Cost of food grains vi) Material Cost vii) Cost of Transportation Assistance and viii) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	86.36
Total Central Share for Primary		3284.83
Drought Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice,@ Rs. 2000 per MT for Wheat and @ Rs.1000 per MT for coarse grains.	171.12
7	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.90 per child per day	1975.21
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 3.27per child per day	1318.15
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	90.70
9	Honorarium for Cook-cum-Helpers	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	Calculated in Primary
9.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share- @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the v) Cost of food grains vi) Material Cost vii) Cost of Transportation Assistance and viii) Honorarium to Cook – cum-Helpers	60.40
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		2297.43

D. Non-recurring : Nil

SN	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-Stores-store	0
2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores-store (3906)	234.36
3	Kitchen Devices (New) (0)	0
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement) (17936)	1576.71
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		1811.07

E. Flexi funds for new interventions

(Rs in Lakh)

S. N	Component	Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
1	Serving of PM POSHAN during regular school working days – from Table B	53120.13	31026.19	84146.32
2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	5582.26	3258.03	8840.30
3	Total (1+2)	60513.46	35491.60	96005.07
4	Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions	2789.60	1859.73	4649.33
4.1	Provision of Supplementary nutrition through Eggs, in 8 districts, for 50 Days in 12,241 schools for 14,16,369 students.	2524.39	1682.93	4207.32

F. Total Allotment of Funds for 2024-25

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
Recurring	Normal	53120.13	31026.19	84146.32
	Drought	5582.26	3258.03	8840.29
Non- recurring		1811.07	1207.38	3018.45
Grand Total		60513.46	35491.60	96005.06



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