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**PM-POSHAN Division**  
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**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**Dated the 20<sup>th</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 Madhya Pradesh 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 Madhya Pradesh.

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**

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9. Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
11. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi.
12. Shri Harshit Mishra, Deputy Advisor (Education), NITI Aayog.
13. Shri Vipin Kumar, Additional Secretary (SS-II), MoE.
14. Shri Anandrao Vishnu Patil, Additional Secretary (PMPY & Digital), MoE.
15. Ms. Prachi Pandey, Joint Secretary (EE.I), MoE.
16. Shri Sanjog Kapoor, JS & FA, MoE.
17. Ms. Archana Sharma Awasthi, Joint Secretary (AE & SS-1), MoE.
18. Ms. A. Srija, Economic Adviser, MoE.
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20. Director, NCERT.
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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 of the PM POSHAN Scheme for the State of Madhya Pradesh.**

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 Madhya Pradesh.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 proposal of State of Madhya Pradesh 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 PAB-PM POSHAN. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB in his opening remarks stated that PM POSHAN Scheme is a Right-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 enrolment and increasing students' attendance in schools. Additional Secretary, DoSE&L highlighted the focus areas for 2024-25 viz. timely submission of proposals regarding release of funds, health check-ups of all students, maintenance of health cards and provision of micronutrients and de-worming medicine, 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 (SNG) for ensuring Micronutrients in the meals and to encourage 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 the Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh to brief the PAB about implementation of the Scheme in the State. Joint Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh made a presentation on the performance of the Scheme in the State during 2023-24 and the proposals under Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B)-2024-25.

Subsequently, from the side of the Govt. of India, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L made a presentation on analysis of implementation of the Scheme in the State of Madhya Pradesh during 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
Primary	39,94,755	28,18,176	26,05,883	65%	92%
U. Primary	24,74,949	17,67,717	15,93,436	64%	90%
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,69,704</b>	<b>45,85,893</b>	<b>41,99,319</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>92%</b>

PAB observed that there is a reduction of 1,14,374 students (1.8%) in enrolment from 2022-23 to 2023-24. However, the reduction in coverage is 3,31,180 students (7.9%) from 2022-23 to 2023-24. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB, advised the State to review the above reduction and submit a report by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

Further, PAB observed that the State Government has covered 65% of the enrolled students at Primary and 64% at Upper Primary levels which is less than the national coverage. It was advised that the State may strive further to improve the coverage against enrolment. PAB again observed that the coverage of students in the district of Indore is 67% at Primary and 96% at Upper Primary level similarly in Dindori district the coverage at Primary level is 66% and Upper Primary level is 91%. State was advised to look into this anomaly and take immediate corrective measures.

**District wise low coverage of students at Primary level against enrolment (01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023)**

Sl. No.	Districts	Enrolment	Coverage	% Coverage against enrolment
1	Sheopur	64921	37958	58%
2	Seoni	74184	44483	60%
3	Shivpuri	131329	79053	60%
4	Sagar	132367	80157	61%
5	Singrauli	97657	59428	61%
6	Sehore	64663	39700	61%

**District wise low coverage of students at Upper Primary level against enrolment (01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023)**

Sl. No.	Districts	Enrolment	Coverage	% Coverage against enrolment
1	Ratlam	56387	29840	53%
2	Sheopur	35096	19646	56%
3	Sagar	88598	50040	56%
4	Shivpuri	85956	48929	57%
5	Bhind	48017	27595	57%
6	Singrauli	56301	33213	59%

Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB observed that the coverage of students was less than the State average in the above districts at Primary and Upper Primary level. He suggested that State Government may take special measures to increase the coverage in these districts and an action taken report may be submitted by April, 2024. Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh assured to take necessary action in this regard.

#### **4.2 School Working Days:**

PAB has approved 247 days to be covered during the FY 2023-24. State reported coverage of 136 (91%) working days at Primary level and 145 (97%) working days at Upper Primary level against the approved 150 days up to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

**Comments of PAB:** The State Government was advised 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.101920.04 lakh comprising of Rs 63826.57 lakh as the Central Share and Rs 38093.46 lakh as the State share. The PAB also approved allocation of 135102.86 MTs food grains.

It was further informed that State has Unspent balance of Rs 422.59 lakh available as on 01.04.2023. The first instalment of Rs 15658142 Lakh was released on 05.07.2023 and the second instalment of Rs 15658.42 Lakh was released on 01.09.2024. The part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of Rs. 7614.96 Lakh was released on 10.01.2024.

**Comments of PAB:** The PAB noted the information and advised the State to make the adequate budget provision in the State budget for release of Central Assistance and take all the instalments.

#### **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 noted the efforts of State Government in implementation of new system for release of funds under PFMS. As per SNA 06 report of PFMS, State Government transferred the Central Assistance along with corresponding State share within the stipulated time of 30 days to the Single Nodal Agency (SNA). Further, PAB advised the State Government to ensure the following:

- i) State Linked Scheme (SLS) created for sharable and non-sharable components.
- ii) Transfer of funds (Central and State) to SNA within 30 days upon receiving by State Treasury from the Govt. of India. In case of delay in transfer of funds, interest shall be charged as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance.
- iii) Mapping of all identified IAs.
- iv) Expenditure is done exclusively through PFMS only.
- v) Deposit of interest earned in SNA to CFI within prescribed time lines.
- vi) Submission of Legacy data entry after approval of State Finance Department, if any.
- vii) Provision of adequate budgetary provisions in State budget both for Central and State share.
- viii) All information is reflected properly in corresponding tables / Reports in PFMS.

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

State has reported utilization of 78% of the allocated funds under MME component during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

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

PAB-PM POSHAN has approved 2,10,231 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during FY 2023-24, State Government has engaged 2,05,122 (98%) Cook-cum-Helpers. Thus, State Government has not engaged 5,109 Cook-cum-Helpers against the PAB approval. State is providing an additional amount of Rs 3000 per CCH per month from its own resources. It was informed that State Government has made timely payment of honorarium to all the Cook-cum-Helpers through their bank accounts. Further, the State has proposed to engage 2,06,864 Cook-cum-Helpers for FY 2024-25.

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

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

Central Assistance of Rs. 66147.85 lakh was released for construction of 1,03,401 Kitchen-cum-Stores. As on 30.11.2023, construction has been completed for 98,742 Kitchen-cum-Stores and construction work for 335 Kitchen-cum-Stores is in progress. State Government has not started construction work for 4,324 Kitchen-cum-Stores.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed deep concern over the issue as these units are long pending to be constructed. PAB advised the State Government to ensure completion of 4,324 Kitchen-cum-Stores by providing additional funds from its own resources or obtain fresh approval for their construction on plinth area norms by surrendering the previously sanctioned funds for these Kitchen-cum-Stores along with the interest thereon.

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

Central Assistance of Rs.5963.60 lakh was released towards procurement of 1,19,272 units of Kitchen Devices during 2006-07 to 2016-17. The State has reported that all 1,19,272 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured. Central Assistance of Rs. 4425.15 lakh was further released towards replacement of 88,503 units of Kitchen Devices during period 2012-13 to 2016-17. The State has reported that all 88,503 units of sanctioned Kitchen Devices have been replaced.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of State in procuring all the sanctioned Kitchen Devices.

#### **4.9 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:**

State Government has developed School Nutrition Gardens (Maa Ki Bagiya) in 70,723 (65%) schools out of 1,09,212 schools. It was informed that the process of setting up of School Nutrition Gardens in 3,490 schools is in progress.

**Comments of PAB:** Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB has shown satisfaction and asked the State to plan to develop 100% SNGs in all schools. He also



observed that in some district viz., Niwari (10%), Sagar (12%), Bhind (28%), Burhanpur (30%), Damoh (35%) have less SNGs than desirable. PAB advised the State to make concerted efforts for development of School Nutrition Gardens in all schools in current Financial Year. 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 the 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:**

The concept of Tithi Bhojan has been adopted by the State Government under which, members from general public provide nutritious meals or fruits to students on special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries or festivals etc. The PAB noted that 4,63,740, meals were served in 20,994 schools under Tithi Bhojan initiative during FY 2023-24.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the steps taken by the State Government.

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

State Government has not provided any supplementary nutrition items.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB has shown deep concern that State Government did not provide the supplementary nutrition under Flexi fund component even though their proposal was approved by the PAB in 2023-24. PAB advised the State Government to ensure provision of supplementary nutrition to students equally distributed in all quarters of the school working days

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

State Government reported that 47 samples were collected and tested out of which 28 samples met the norms while 10 samples did not meet the norms and reports of 9 samples were yet to be received.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB 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. Expenditure on testing of meals may be met from MME component.

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

State Govt. informed that training has been imparted to 1,30,728 Cook-cum-Helpers with the help of 515 Master Trainers during the year. State Government has not organized cooking competition during 2023-24.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State Government to organize cooking competitions and to carry out training programmes for all the Cook-cum-Helpers. MME funds may be utilised for this purpose.

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

PM POSHAN-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of the 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 the Rashtritya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The State Government has completed 96% of annual and 92% of the monthly data entry for schools in the MIS portal.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the steps taken by the State Government and advised the State Government to complete 100% data entry 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 the 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, is being captured from schools with no cost to school headmasters/teachers. Out of 1,09,212 schools, on an average basis, daily data has been reported by 38,841 schools (36%) on Automated Monitoring System.

**Comments of PAB:** Secretary DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB expressed deep concern over low percentage of data reported i.e. only 36% schools on Automated Monitoring System, which is an important platform for monitoring the Scheme. He further advised the State to ensure data submission by 100% schools on all school working days on the AMS by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

#### **4.16 Centralized kitchens:**

State Government has engaged 29 NGOs to serve hot cooked meals through centralized kitchens in 19 districts covering 3,418 schools and 2,77,697 students.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the State to adhere to the extant guidelines issued by the Government of India for engaging Civil Society Organizations / NGOs in the PM POSHAN Scheme.

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

Social Audit has been conducted in 2,600 schools in all the 52 districts against the 2,202 schools by the State Social Audit Committee.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the efforts of State Government and advised to conduct Social Audit as per the Scheme Guidelines i.e. 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 Report 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 for per meals per student in Primary and 150 gram food grains, 30 gram pulses, 75 gram vegetables and 7.5 gram oils to be used per student per meals in Upper Primary Classes. The Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB advised the State to ensure that the menu is devised in such a manner that variety of food items may be prepared to increase the interest of students in the school meals while adhering to the quantities as prescribed under the

Guidelines. 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 amounts as mentioned in the below table.

S. N.	Items	Primary	Upper Primary
<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 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 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 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 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. Further, it was also communicated to the States that Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India has offered to provide Chana Dal at subsidized rates under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

PAB advised that the State Government may accordingly procure pulses from buffer stock being maintained by the Govt. of India, through NAFED, 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. State mentioned that Pulses, double fortified salt and fortified oil are being procured centrally at State level through State Civil Supplies Corporation and distributed in the schools.

**4.20 Use of Shree Anna (Millets):** State Government submitted proposal for inclusion of millets in the weekly menu under the PM POSHAN Scheme in the AWP&B for FY 2024-25.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated inclusion of Shree Anna (millets) in the weekly menu under the PM POSHAN. 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 mitigate 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.

**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 76% of the enrolled students. However, IFA tablets and De-worming medicines were administered to 71% and 73% of the enrolled students, respectively.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed satisfaction over the health check-up however asked the State Government to conduct for remaining 15.27 lakh i.e., 34% of the enrolled students also. PAB also advised State Government to ensure coverage of 100% students for IFA tablets 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 Anaemia 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. The State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh assured to take appropriate steps as per the PAB advice.

#### **4.22 Direct Benefit Transfer – Aadhaar enrolment:**

State Government has informed that 61.73 lakh (95%) students have Aadhaar. 2.39 lakh (4%) students have applied for Aadhaar and 0.57 lakh students are without Aadhaar.

**Comments of PAB:** Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB appreciated the efforts made by State Government of Madhya Pradesh and advised to make it 100%. State was asked 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 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.**

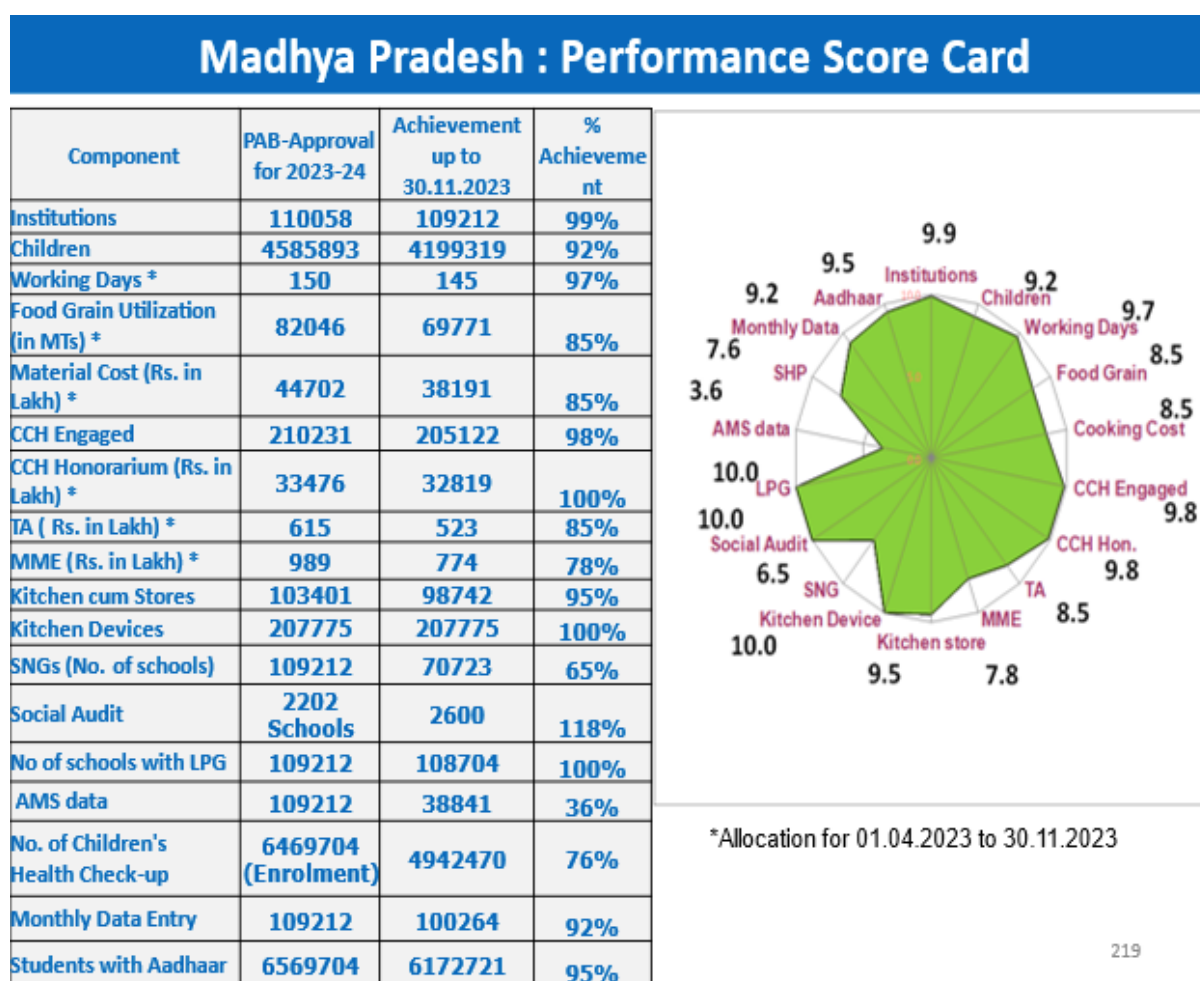
#### **4.23 Other proposals and issues:**

State Government of Madhya Pradesh requested to enhance the material cost and the honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

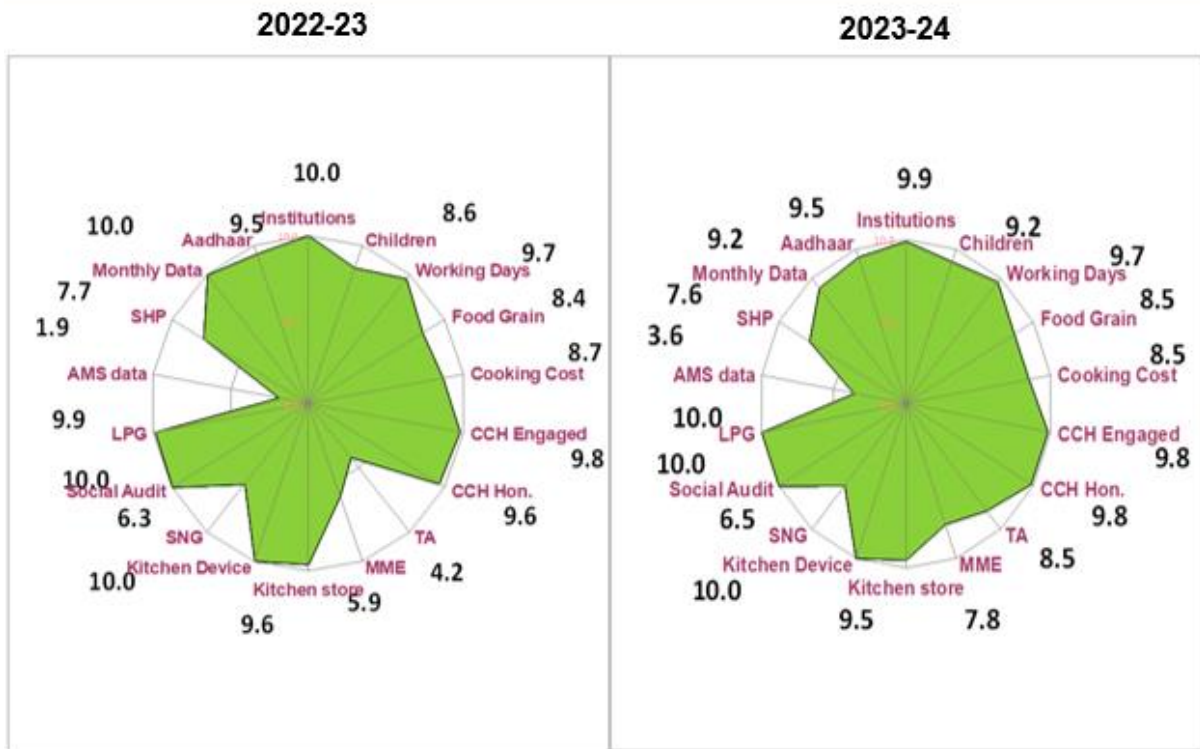
**Comments of PAB:** The request was noted and the State of Madhya Pradesh was asked to submit specific proposals.

## 4.24 Overall analysis of the performance

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



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Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB advised the State Government to take corrective measures on poor performance in areas like Automated Monitoring System, health check-ups of students, development of School Nutrition Gardens, Utilization of MME funds etc; 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 and review of performance along key indicators under the Scheme. 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.

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

#### 5.1 Coverage of students

State Government has proposed to cover 39,94,755 students in Primary Classes and 24,74,949 students in Upper Primary Classes. Total proposal submitted for coverage of 64,69,704 students under the Scheme during FY 2024-25.



**Approval of PAB:** After detailed discussions, PAB approved the proposals of State Government to cover 26,49,439 students in Primary Classes and 16,33,750 students in Upper Primary Classes. Thus, PAB approval was given for total 42,83,189 students to be covered during FY 2024-25. However, PAB advised to State of Madhya Pradesh 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 247 school days in Primary Classes and Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25.

**Approval of PAB:** After discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to serve meals under PM POSHAN on 247 school days in Primary Classes and Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25.

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

State Government has proposed to engage 2,06,864 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 2,06,864 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under PM POSHAN during FY 2024-25.

## **5.4 Drought**

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

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

State Government has proposed to construct 444 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores during FY 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs.1067.43 lakh comprising of Rs.640.46 lakh as Central Share and Rs. 426.97 lakh as corresponding State Share. Further, State Government has proposed to repair 5,759 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores during FY 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs.575.90 lakh comprising of Rs.345.54 lakh as the Central Share and Rs 230.36 lakh as the corresponding State Share.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB did not approve the proposal of State for construction of 444 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores as the State has not yet constructed 4,324 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores sanctioned in 2006-07. Further, PAB approved the proposal of the State to repair 5,759 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores during FY 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs.575.90 lakh comprising of Rs.345.54 lakh as the Central Share and Rs.230.36 lakh as the corresponding State Share, subject to submission of detailed proposal by the State along with names and UDISE+ codes of the concerned schools. PAB advised the State that proposal for new Kitchen-cum-Stores can be considered only after completion of previously sanctioned units.

## **5.6 Kitchen Devices (New & Replacement)**

**Kitchen Devices (New):** State Government submitted proposal for procurement of Kitchen Devices for 39 newly opened schools during FY 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 5.00 lakh comprising of Rs. 3.00 lakh as the Central share and Rs 2.00 lakh as the corresponding State Share.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of the State Government for procurement of Kitchen Devices for 39 newly opened schools during 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs.5.00 lakh comprising of Rs.3.00 lakh as the Central Share and Rs.2.00 lakh as the corresponding State Share, subject to submission of detailed proposal by the State along with name and UDISE+ codes of the concerned schools.

**Kitchen Devices (Replacement):** State Government submitted proposal for replacement of 8774 units of Kitchen Devices during FY 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 1116.70 lakh comprising of Rs. 670.02 lakh as the Central share and Rs.446.68 lakh as the corresponding State Share.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government for the replacement of 8774 units of Kitchen Devices during FY 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs. 1116.70 lakh comprising of Rs.670.02 lakh as the Central Share and Rs.446.68 lakh as the corresponding State Share, subject to submission of detailed proposal by the State along with names and UDISE+ codes of the concerned schools.

## **5.7 Flexibility for Innovative interventions**

For School Nutrition Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, State Government may use a maximum of Rs.4725.32 lakh (5% of total recurring Central Assistance and minimum mandatory State share). This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State Government (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

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

State Government informed that School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens will be developed in remaining schools during FY 2024-25 in convergence with the line Departments.

**Approval of PAB:** PAB appreciated the initiative of the State Government for development of School Nutrition Gardens in convergence with the line Departments.

### **5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition**

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

## **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 in each district.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government to carry out Social Audit in at least 20 schools or 2% of the schools whichever is higher in each district. State was advised to draw annual calendar of activities to conduct Social Audit and share action taken report after conducting Social Audit. Social Audit may be completed for the period of 2024-25 by September, 2024.

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

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

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government for training of all the engaged 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. Block level, District level and State level for promoting variety in nutritious food menu.

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

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

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

S. No.	Component	PAB-PM POSHAN Approvals (Physical) for 2024-25
<b>1</b>	<b>Schools</b>	
1.1	Primary	78,951
1.2	Upper Primary	30,261
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,09,212</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Students</b>	
2.1	Primary	26,49,439
2.2	Upper Primary	16,33,750
	<b>Total</b>	<b>42,83,189</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Working Days</b>	
3.1	Primary	247
3.2	Upper Primary	247
<b>4</b>	<b>Cook-cum-Helpers</b>	
4.1	Primary	1,40,079
4.2	Upper Primary	66,785
<b>5</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>	
5.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
5.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	5,759
5.3	Kitchen Devices (New)	39
5.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	8,774

## 6.2 Flexibility for Innovative Interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2024-25
1	<b>Flexibility for Innovative Interventions</b>	
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in all schools)	In all schools through convergence with line Departments
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by State)	State has not submitted the proposal.

## 7. Summary of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals (Financial) for 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)
<b>1</b>	<b>Recurring -Serving of meals during regular school working days</b>			
1.1	Material cost	41172.53	27461.81	68634.34
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	12411.84	8274.56	20686.40
1.3	Cost of food grains – 125971.57 MTs (39051.19 MTs Rice, 65505.22 MT Wheat and 21415.16 MTs Coarse grains).	2695.79	0.00	2695.79
1.4	Transportation Assistance	944.79	0.00	944.79
1.5	MME	1545.07	0.00	1545.07
	<b>Total</b>	<b>58770.02</b>	<b>35736.37</b>	<b>94506.39</b>
2.	Serving of meals in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Recurring</b>	<b>58770.02</b>	<b>35736.37</b>	<b>94506.39</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>			
3.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores	345.54	230.36	575.90

3.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (new)	3.00	2.00	5.00
3.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	670.02	446.68	1116.70
<b>Total Non-Recurring</b>		<b>1018.56</b>	<b>679.04</b>	<b>1697.60</b>
<b>Grand Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)</b>		<b>59788.58</b>	<b>36415.41</b>	<b>96203.99</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	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens	In all the schools through convergence with line Departments.		
1.2	Provision of Supplementary nutrition. State has not submitted the proposal.	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

8. The quantification of Central Assistance of **Rs. 59788.58 lakh & 125971.57 MTs** food-grains and minimum mandatory State Share of **Rs.36415.41 lakh** has been done 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-I**. 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. 41396.78 lakh for the State of Madhya Pradesh @Rs 39.18 per kg for rice and Rs 27.03 per kg for wheat for 2024-25, of which Rs. 38700.99 lakh is as 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 Government of India, with justification, for 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.

11. 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 the PM POSHAN Guidelines even in case of delay in release of funds, food grains supply constraints or for any other reasons.
12. **The State is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the State and districts so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every eligible student is served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of the PAB-PM POSHAN.**
13. It is also informed that the PAB has decided to conduct a State/UT wise, mid-term appraisal of PM POSHAN Scheme to review the performance under the Scheme and action taken by State/UT on the issues discussed in the PAB meeting and commitments made by the State/UT during FY 2024-25.

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



**MADHYA PRADESH: QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2024-25**

**A. Food grains**

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of students	Working Days	Quantity (in MTs)			
				Rice (31%)	Wheat (52%)	Coarse Grain (17%)	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per student per school day)	2649439	247	20286.75	34029.39	11124.99	65441.13
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per student per school day)	1633750	247	18764.44	31475.83	10290.17	60530.44
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>4283189</b>		<b>39051.19</b>	<b>65505.22</b>	<b>21415.16</b>	<b>125971.57</b>

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

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
<b>Primary</b>		
1	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per student per day	
1.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per student per day	21399.25
1.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share</b> @ Rs 2.18 per student per day	14266.17



2	<b>Honorarium for Cook-Cum-Helper</b>	
2.1	<b>Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months)</b>	8404.74
2.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)</b>	5603.16
3	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice, @ Rs. 2000 per MT for wheat and @ Rs. 1000 per MT for Coarse grains	1400.44
4	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750 Per MT food grains	490.81
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i. Material cost ii. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers iii. Cost of food grains and iv. Cost of transportation	855.77
<b>Total Central Share for Primary</b>		<b>32551.01</b>
<b>Upper Primary</b>		
6	<b>Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per student per day</b>	
6.1	<b>Central share @ Rs. 4.90 per student per day</b>	19773.28
6.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 3.27 per student per day</b>	13195.64
7	<b>Honorarium for Cook-cum-Helpers</b>	
7.1	<b>Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months)</b>	4007.10
7.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory State Share- @ Rs 400 for 10 months)</b>	2671.40
8	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice, @ Rs. 2000 per MT for wheat and @ Rs. 1000 per MT for Coarse grains	1295.35
9	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750 Per MT food grains	453.98
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i. Material cost ii. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers iii. Cost of food grains and iv. Cost of transportation	689.30
<b>Total Central Share for Upper Primary</b>		<b>26219.01</b>
<b>Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary)</b>		<b>58770.02</b>

C. **Drought : Nil**

D. **Non-recurring :**

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-Store	0.00
2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Store (5759)	345.54
3	Kitchen Devices (New) (39)	3.00
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement) (8774)	670.02
<b>Total Central Share (Non-recurring)</b>		<b>1018.56</b>

E. **Flexi 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	58770.02	35736.37	94506.39
2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Total (1+2)	58770.02	35736.37	94506.39
4	<b>Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions (5% of 3 above)</b>	2835.19	1890.13	4725.32
4.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens in schools	In all the schools through convergence with line Departments.		
4.2	Provision of Supplementary nutrition. State has not submitted the proposal.	0.00	0.00	0.00

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

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
Recurring	Normal	<b>58770.02</b>	<b>35736.37</b>	<b>94506.39</b>
	Drought	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non- recurring		<b>1018.56</b>	<b>679.04</b>	<b>1697.60</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>59788.58</b>	<b>36415.41</b>	<b>96203.99</b>



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