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PM-POSHAN Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 16th April, 2024

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 23.02.2024 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) of State of Odisha 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 23.02.2024 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 Odisha.

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 Odisha.

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-PM POSHAN (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held at Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi on 23.02.2024 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 Odisha.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 proposal of State of Odisha for 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 emphasized that the scheme provides nutrition 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-up of all students, maintenance of health cards, provision of micronutrients and deworming 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 meal and students learn 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 etc.

3. Further, he invited Commissioner cum Secretary (School & Mass Education), Government of Odisha to brief the PAB about implementation of the scheme in the State. The Commissioner cum Secretary (School & Mass Education), Government of Odisha and State Nodal Officer (PM POSHAN), Govt. of Odisha made a presentation on the performance of Scheme in the State during 2023-24 and proposals under Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25.

Subsequently, from Govt. of India, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L, made a presentation, on the analysis of implementation of the scheme in Odisha during 2023-24 and 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 2023-24 (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 Vatika	0	1,34,481	0	0%	0%
Primary	26,64,059	25,89,929	24,80,770	93%	96%
U. Primary	17,78,834	16,60,706	16,43,342	92%	99%
Total	44,42,893	43,85,516	41,24,112	93%	94%

The following districts have reported very high coverage of students vis-à-vis enrolment in comparison to the State average of 93% in Primary Classes:

Sl. No.	District	Enrolment	Average coverage	% coverage
1	Malkangiri	67289	67018	99%
2	Mayurbhanj	183181	181825	99%
3	Sundergarh	109972	108743	99%
4	Nawarangpur	125087	123171	98%
5	Puri	83738	81904	98%

6	Keonjhar	135133	131406	97%
7	Baragarh	80795	78393	97%
8	Kalahandi	116933	113333	97%
9	Rayagada	83237	80521	97%
10	Jajpur	127886	123430	97%
11	Jagatsinghpur	47030	45348	96%
12	Bolangir	112153	107862	96%

The following districts have reported very high coverage of students vis-à-vis enrolment in comparison to the State average of 92% in Upper Primary Classes:

Sl. No.	District	Enrolment	Average coverage	% coverage
1	Malkangiri	39581	39041	99%
2	Nawarangpur	76899	75829	99%
3	Kalahandi	71778	70336	98%
4	Bolangir	76840	74970	98%
5	Mayurbhanj	116170	113053	97%
6	Puri	60316	58663	97%
7	Jajpur	84207	81661	97%
8	Rayagada	47033	45430	97%
9	Keonjhar	85214	82033	96%
10	Baragarh	56041	53923	96%
11	Koraput	72513	69377	96%
12	Jagatsinghpur	35529	33910	95%

Comments of PAB: PAB observed that while overall coverage of 93% enrolled students is really good, however, very high coverage of almost 99% in some districts needs to be looked into. Secretary, DoSEL -cum- Chairman of PAB advised the State to closely monitor the coverage of children in the above mentioned districts.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB has approved 151 days to be covered during April to November, 2023, State has reported coverage of 148 working days.

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

4.3 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. State also informed that the funds from treasury to SNA account have been transferred with in due time.

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) 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, 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 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.

4.4 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):

State Government has reported utilization of 68% of the allocated funds under MME component during April to November, 2023.

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

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

PAB-PM POSHAN has approved 1,12,090 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during FY 2023-24 in the State. The State has engaged 1,09,340 Cook-cum-Helpers. The State is providing an additional amount of Rs.1000 per CCH per month from its own resources.

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

4.6 Kitchen-cum-Stores (Construction):

State informed that Central Assistance of Rs.40579.81 lakh was released for construction of 69152 Kitchen-cum-Stores during 2006-07 to 2009-10. Construction has been completed for all these 69152 Kitchen-cum-stores.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of State in constructing all sanctioned Kitchen-cum-Stores and advised the State to ensure that meals under the PM POSHAN scheme are served in a hygienic and safe manner to all eligible students.

4.7 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs.3341.95 lakh was released towards procurement of 66,573 units of kitchen devices during 2006-07 to 2020-21. The State has reported that all these 66,573 units of kitchen devices have been procured.

As regards replacement of kitchen devices, central assistance of Rs.7808.59 lakh was released towards replacement of 1,22,111 units of kitchen devices during 2013-14 to 2020-21. The State reported that procurement has been completed for all 1,22,111 units of kitchen devices.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of State in procuring all sanctioned kitchen devices.

4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:

State Government has developed School Nutrition Gardens in 43,000 schools (85%) out of 50,618 schools.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated State Government effort in developing SNGs in 85% schools. Secretary, DoSE&L cum Chairman of PAB observed that in some districts viz. Kalahandi and Sambalpur less than 55% schools have School Nutrition Gardens. PAB advised the State Government to make concerted efforts for development of School Nutrition Gardens in all schools in this 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 Department of Rural Development for certain eligible components may also be utilized in convergence with them.

4.9 Community Participation - Tithi Bhojan or similar practices:

It was informed that there is a scheme "Mo School Abhiyan" which provides a philanthropic platform for Alumni to contribute.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the information and observed that participation in 'Mo School Abhiyan' is very low and advised State to further popularise the initiative across the State for enhanced community participation alongwith alumnus.

4.10 Supplementary nutrition items:

State Government is providing millet based nutritious laddus to about 19,670 girl students studying in 277 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) in 23 districts under flexi fund component.

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

4.11 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.

4.12 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and other capacity building activities:

State Government reported that training has been conducted for 1,05,141 (97%) Cook-cum-Helpers during the year 2023-24 out of total engaged 1,08,917. The topics of training included Food, Safety, & Hygiene aspect in PM POSHAN, Roles & responsibilities of the cook, personal hygiene, procurement, quality assurance, and storage of raw material, cleanliness of kitchen and utensils, methods of cooking for retaining nutrients, tasting and serving, waste disposal, management in emergencies, usage of Fortified Rice and its management (storage, cooking etc), maintenance of Nutrition Gardens in Schools & reducing Anaemia by Dietary Diversification. State further informed that cooking competition could not be organised during the year.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated training of 97% Cook-cum-Helpers and advised State to organise training / refresher course to CCH every year. PAB also advised State to organise cooking competition across the State, to document the whole process and share the report with PM POSHAN Bureau, Ministry of Education.

4.13 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 in the MIS portal.

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

4.14 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 not served is being captured from schools with no cost to school headmasters/teachers. 25,986 (51%) schools out of 50,618 schools are submitting daily data on Automated Monitoring System. State officials informed that there are some issues with NIC, which are being sorted out.

Comments of PAB: Secretary DoSE&L cum Chairman of PAB, expressed his anguish over **low percentage of data reported of only 51%** schools on Automated Monitoring System, which is an important platform for real time monitoring of the Scheme. **He further advised the State to ensure data submission by 100% schools on all school working days on AMS by 30th June 2024.**

4.15 Centralized kitchens:

Centralized kitchens have been engaged for providing meal to 3.22 lakh students in 3,081 schools in 8 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.

4.16 Social Audit:

Social Audit has been conducted in 600 schools in 30 districts Conducted by Odisha Society for Social Audit Accountability and Transparency (OSSAAT).

Comments of PAB: PAB observed that as per guidelines Social audit was to be conducted in 1,012 schools. However, State has conducted social audit in 600 schools only. **State Government was advised to conduct Social Audit as per the scheme guidelines in at least 20 schools or 2% 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 MME component.

4.17 Menu:

The PM POSHAN Guidelines envisage that 100 gm food grains, 20 gm pulses, 50 gm vegetables and 5 gm oil to be used per meal per child in Primary and 150 gm food grains, 30 gm pulses, 75 gm vegetables and 7.5 gm oils to be used per child per meal in Upper Primary. Secretary, DoSEL -cum- Chairman of PAB advised the State to provide the wide range of items in the menu.

4.18 Use of fortified items under the 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 gms per child per day in Primary and 30 gms 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 Union Cabinet has approved those schemes having nutrition component would utilize pulses from the central buffer. This has already been communicated to the 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 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 Supply corporation and distributed in the schools.

4.19 Use of Shree Anna (Millets):

State Government has not submitted any proposal for inclusion of millets under the PM POSHAN Scheme 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.

4.20 Status of Health Check-ups, provision of IFA and De-worming Medicine:

State Government informed that health check-up has been carried out **only for 63%** of the enrolled students. Iron & Folic Acid tablets and de-worming medicines were administered to 97% of the enrolled students.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted that health check-up of about 16.59 lakh students were still pending. PAB advised the State to ensure coverage of 100% students for health check-ups and bi-annual distribution of de-worming tablets and weekly distribution of IFA tablets to all students and also 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. 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 filled by doctors are to be maintained. Parents of the students may be informed accordingly for referrals, if required.

4.21 Direct Benefit Transfer – Aadhar enrolment: State Government informed that about 38.93 lakh (88%) enrolled students have Aadhar.

Comments of PAB: Secretary DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB, appreciated the efforts of the State and advised to cover all the students under Aadhaar. 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.**

4.22 Any other issues:

State requested for:

- i) Enhancement of honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers and
- ii) Enhancement of material cost.

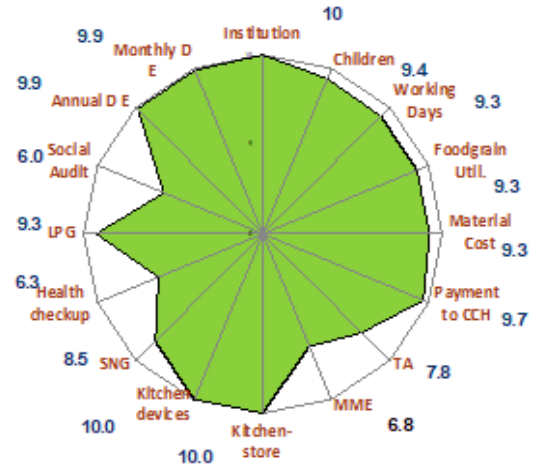
Comments of PAB: The request was noted and State of Odisha was asked to submit specific proposals.

4.23 Overall analysis of the performance

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

Performance Score Card

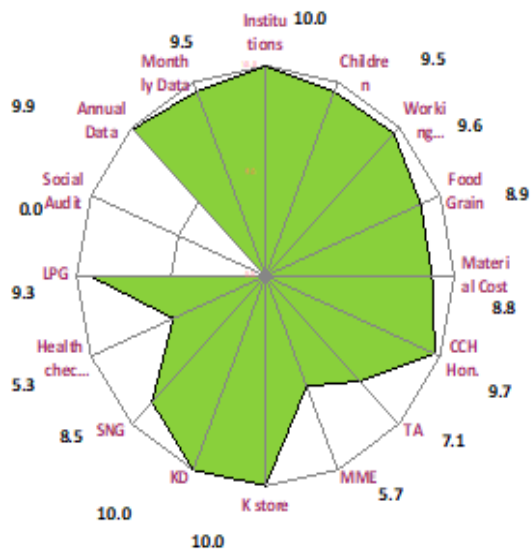
Component	PAB-Approval for 2023-24	Achievement up to 30.11.2023	% Achievement
Institutions	50618	50618	100
Children	4385516	4124112	94
Working Days *	151	147	93
Food Grain Utilization (in MTs) *	78759.62	73136.39	93
Material Cost (Rs. in Lakh) *	46392.95	43077.57	93
CCH Engaged	112090	109340	98
CCH Honorarium (Rs. in Lakh) *	9415.56	9160.17	97
TA (Rs. in Lakh) *	1266.12	991.61	78
MME (Rs. in Lakh) *	1064.39	724.47	68
Kitchen cum Stores	69152	69152	100
Kitchen Devices	188684	188684	100
SNGs (No. of schools)	50618	43000	85
No. of Children's Health Check-up	4444218	2784921	63
Social Audit	1012 schools	600 schools	60
No of schools with LPG	50618	47183	93
Annual Data Entry	50618	50499	99
Monthly Data Entry	50618	50480	99



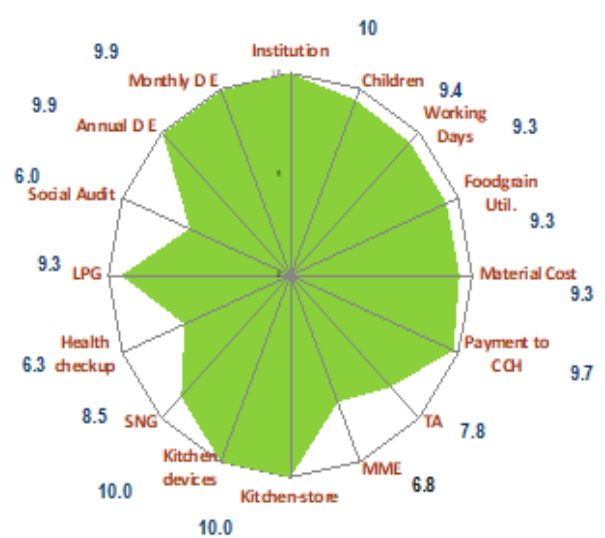
*Allocation for 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023

Performance Score Card

2022-23



2023-24



Secretary, DoSE&L- cum- Chairman of PAB observed that though State has made improvements in certain areas from 2022-23 to 2023-24 like Social Audit, coverage of students under health check-ups, 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. utilisation of MME etc. 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 the performance of the key indicators on monthly basis. 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 26,64,059 students in Primary Classes and 17,78,834 Students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. Total proposal submitted for 44,42,893 lakh students to be covered under the scheme during FY 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, PAB approved to cover 25,06,172 students in Primary Classes and 16,68,743 Students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. PAB approval was given for 41,74,915 lakh students to be covered during FY 2024-25. However, PAB advised Govt. of Odisha to send proposal for additional funds if there is any increase in the number of eligible students over and above the approval given under the scheme.

5.2 Coverage of Working Days

State Government has proposed to serve meals on 240 days in 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 240 days in Primary and Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

State Government has proposed to engage 1,12,090 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 1,12,090 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

State Government submitted proposal for repair of 50,618 Kitchen-cum-Stores with an outlay of Rs 5061.80 lakh which comprises of Central Share of Rs 3037.08 lakh and corresponding State Share of Rs 2024.72 lakh.

Approval of PAB: PAB observed that as per norms 36,121 Kitchen-cum-Stores which are constructed prior to 2014-15 are eligible for this grant. Further for FY 2023-24, PAB has already approved repair of 36,049 Kitchen-cum-Stores, with an outlay of Rs. 3604.90 lakh comprising Central Share of Rs. 2162.94 lakh and corresponding State Share of Rs. 1441.96 lakh, **however State has been asked to submit detailed proposal along with list of schools including UDISE+ codes.**

5.6 Kitchen Devices

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

5.7 Flexibility for Innovative interventions

For School Nutrition Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, State may use a maximum of Rs 4175.45 lakh comprising of 2505.27 lakh as Central Share and Rs 1670.18 lakh as State Share (5% of total recurring Central Assistance and minimum mandatory State Share). This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

5.7.1 School Nutrition Gardens

State Government has submitted that School Nutrition Gardens will be developed in all schools in convergence with line departments.

Approval of PAB: PAB appreciated the initiative of the State Government for development of School Nutrition Gardens in all schools in convergence with line departments.

5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition

State Government has proposed to provide millet laddus to 19,669 girl students studying in 277 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in 23 districts with an outlay of Rs. 330.44 lakh comprising of Rs 198.26 lakh as Central Share and Rs 132.18 lakh as State Share.

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

5.8 Social Audit

State Government has proposed to conduct Social Audit in all 26 districts during FY 2024-25 by utilising MME funds.

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% 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 FY 2024-25 by September, 2024.

5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

State Government has proposed to conduct training of 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 engaged Cook-cum-Helpers by utilizing MME funds.

5.10 Cooking Competitions

State Government has proposed to organize cooking competitions by utilizing MME funds.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government for organizing cooking competitions 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	27,512
1.2	Upper Primary	23,106
2	Students	
2.1	Primary	25,06,172
2.2	Upper Primary	16,68,743
3	Working Days	
3.1	Primary	240
3.2	Upper Primary	240
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	1,12,090
4.2	Upper Primary	
5	Non-Recurring	
5.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
5.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0
5.3	Kitchen Devices	0
5.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0

6.2 Flexibility for Innovative Interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for FY 2024-25
1	Flexibility for Innovative Interventions	
1.1	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions	Provision of 2 millet laddu per day for 19,669 students in 277 KGBVs for 240 days

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)
1	Recurring -Serving of meals during regular school working days			
1.1	Material cost	39292.86	26208.59	65501.45
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	6725.40	4483.60	11209.00

1.3	Cost of food grains (120222.88 MT rice)	3606.69	0	3606.69
1.4	Transportation Assistance	1803.34	0	1803.34
1.5	MME	1388.56	0	1388.56
Total		52816.85	30692.19	83509.04

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 2 millet laddus per day for 19,669 students in 277 KGBVs for 240 days	198.26	132.18	330.44
	Total	198.26	132.18	330.44

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

8. The computation of Central Assistance of Rs. **52816.85** lakh and **120222.88** MTs of food-grains and minimum mandatory State Share of Rs. **30692.19** lakh has been done as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals for the FY 2024-25. The detailed component-wise quantification for FY 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. 47103.32 lakh for the State of Odisha @ Rs. 39.18 per kg for rice, of which Rs. 43496.64 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 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 the 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 must be served hot cooked meal 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 a State/UT wise, mid-term appraisal of the PM POSHAN Scheme to review the scheme during 2024-25 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 ODISHA : QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY 2024-25

A. Food grains

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Students	Working Days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	2506172	240	60148.13	0	60148.13
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	1668743	240	60074.75	0	60074.75
	Total	4174915		120222.88	0	120222.88

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	1804.45
2	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	19668.44
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per child per day	13112.29
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	902.22
4	Honorarium for 112090 Cook-Cum-Helpers	
4.1	Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months	6725.40
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months	4483.60
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cost of food grains ii. Material Cost iii. Cost of transportation and iv. Honorarium to Cook–cum-Helpers 	785.71

Total Central Share for Primary		29886.22
Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	1802.24
7	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.90 per child per day	19624.42
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	13096.30
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	901.12
9	Honorarium for Cook-cum-Helpers	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months	Included in Primary
9.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months	
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	602.85
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		22930.63
Total Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary)		52816.85

C. Drought : Nil

D. Non-recurring : Nil

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	52816.85	30692.19	83509.04
2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0	0	0
3	Total (1+2)	52816.85	30692.19	83509.04
4	Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions @ 5% of total recurring assistance	2505.27	1670.18	4175.45
4.1	Provision of 2 millet laddus per day for 19669 students in 277 KGBVs for 240 days	198.26	132.18	330.44

F. Total Requirement of Funds for 2024-25

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
Recurring	Normal	52816.85	30692.19	83509.04
	Drought	0	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0	0
Grand Total		52816.85	30692.19	83509.04



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