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Department of School Education & Literacy
PM-POSHAN Division

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 22nd 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 Rajasthan 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 Rajasthan.

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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16. Shri Sanjog Kapoor, JS & FA, MoE.
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Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 of the PM POSHAN Scheme for the State of Rajasthan.

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-PM POSHAN (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 27.03.2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Government of India. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

The agenda before the PAB-PM POSHAN was:

- i. To review the status and progress of the implementation of the PM POSHAN Scheme in the State of Rajasthan.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 proposal of State of Rajasthan for the PM POSHAN Scheme.

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

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

Subsequently, on behalf of the Government of India, the Additional Secretary, DoSE&L, made a presentation, on the analysis of implementation of the Scheme in Rajasthan 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 student s availed meals vis-a-vis PAB approval
Bal Vatikas	52,475	6,994	32,648	68%	513%
Primary	38,26,049	39,92,703	30,79,581	80%	77%
U. Primary	23,86,327	21,45,677	18,05,583	76%	84%
Total	62,64,851	61,45,374	49,17,812	79%	80%

Secretary DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB observed that the average coverage of students was 61.43 lakh students during FY 2022-23, which has gone down to 49.17 lakh students during 2023-24, thus there is a decrease of about 12.26 lakh students in average coverage. He expressed deep concern over this significant decrease in coverage of students under the Scheme and advised the State to ascertain the reasons and take corrective measures and submit a report to Government of India by June, 2024.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB had approved 146 days to be covered during April to November, 2023, State has reported coverage of all 146 working days.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the information and appreciated the coverage of all school working days.

4.3 Financial Performance:

PAB had approved financial outlay of Rs.127668.74 lakh comprising of Rs. 80006.45 lakh as Central Share and Rs.47662.29 lakh as State Share for FY 2023-24.The PAB also approved allocation of 1,71,793.46 MTs of food grains.

It was further informed that State has unspent balance of Rs.5072.27 lakh available as on 01.04.2023. First instalment of Rs.15863.97 Lakh was released on 05.02.2024 and second instalment of Rs.15863.97 Lakh was released on 22.03.2024 to the State. The State informed that they are not in position to submit proposal for release of 3rd and 4th instalment of the Central Assistance for FY 2023-24.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed deep concern over non submission of proposals for 3rd and 4thinstalments and advised the State to take extra efforts and submit proposal for release of the Central Assistance.

4.4 PFMS - Fund Flow Mechanism

State informed that they have completed all procedures for implementation of new system of release of funds in line with the revised procedure prescribed by Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, and now PFMS is used for all releases and expenditure purposes under the Scheme.

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

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

4.5 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):

State Government has reported utilization of amount of 67% of the allocated funds under MME component for the period of April to November, 2023.

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

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

PAB-PM POSHAN has approved 1,60,064 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during FY 2023-24 in the State. The State has engaged 1,15,043 Cook-cum-Helpers. State is providing an additional amount of Rs 1003 per CCH per month from its own resources over and above its minimum mandatory share.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed concern over non-engagement of about 45,000 CCH and advised the State Government to engage CCH as per need and norms of the Scheme.

Further PAB appreciated the additional contribution made by the State towards honorarium to the CCH.

4.7 Kitchen-cum-Stores (Construction):

Central Assistance of Rs. 47135.93 Lakh has been released for construction of 77298 Kitchen-cum-Stores over several years. The State has informed that as on 30.11.2023, construction has been completed for 50312 Kitchen-cum-stores by utilising Rs 32103.13 lakh. The State further informed that construction work could not start for 24962 Kitchen-cum-Stores as these Kitchen-cum-Stores were sanctioned @ Rs 60,000 per unit which is now not sufficient.

Comments of PAB: PAB shown dissatisfaction over non-completion of Kitchen-cum-Stores. PAB advised the State Government to surrender the Central Assistance released towards construction of these 24962 Kitchen-cum-Stores and submit fresh proposal at revised unit cost based on enrolment criteria and as per the State Schedule of rates.

4.8 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):

The Central Assistance of Rs.4422.4 lakh was released towards procurement of 88448 units of Kitchen Devices during 2006-07 to 2022-23. The State has reported that all units of had been procured.

As regards replacement of Kitchen Devices, Central Assistance of Rs. 1546.95 lakh was released towards replacement of 30939 units of Kitchen Devices by the Govt. of India. The State has reported that all 30939 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the information and appreciated the 100% utilisation. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB advised the State of Rajasthan to use appropriate vessels for cooking of meals as per the Guidelines and advisories issued by the Government of India to States from time to time. He also asked the State to ensure proper hygiene in Kitchens.

4.9 School Nutrition Gardens:

State Government has developed School Nutrition Gardens in 24,150 schools (34%) out of 68,371 schools.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB observed that in some districts viz. Nagaur, Jaisalmer, Udaipur, Jalore, Jodhpur, Pratapgarh and Barmer less than 15% schools have School Nutrition Gardens. He advised the State Government to make concerted efforts for development of School Nutrition Gardens in all schools especially in these districts. As per norms Rs. 5000/- per school may be used for development and maintenance of School Nutrition Gardens under Flexi funds component. School Nutrition Gardens may also be developed in convergence with local Krishi Vigyan Kendra of Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department etc. The funds available under MNREGA of Department of Rural Development for certain eligible components may also be utilized in convergence with them.

4.10 Community Participation – Tithi Bhojan or similar practices:

State has not formally adopted concept like 'Tithi Bhojan'.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed deep concern over this and advised the State to initiate programme like Tithi Bhojan for enhanced community participation.

4.11 Supplementary nutrition items:

It was informed that State Government is providing skimmed milk from the State fund for six days a week.

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

4.12 Testing of meals:

State informed that 435 samples have been tested and all samples were meeting the norms.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated testing of meal and advised the State to share the report of testing of meals with PM POSHAN Bureau, Ministry of Education. 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.

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

State Government reported that training has been conducted for only 1,404 Cook-cum-Helpers out of total engaged 1,15,403 during FY 2023-24. It was also informed that cooking competitions could not be organised.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed concern over no training for more than 99% Cook-cum-Helpers during 2023-24 and advised State to organise training / refresher course for all Cook-cum-Helpers every year. PAB further advised the State to organise cooking competition during FY 2024-25 and share the report with the PM POSHAN Bureau, Ministry of Education.

4.14 Data Entry on PM POSHAN-MIS Web Portal:

PM POSHAN-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of the PM POSHAN Scheme. The annual data entry module captures master data on availability of Kitchen-cum-Stores, Kitchen Devices, number of Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, mode of cooking etc. The monthly data entry module captures data on number of days meals were served; number of meals served, honorarium paid to Cook-cum-Helpers, number of students who received IFA tablets, number of students screened under Rashtritya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. The State Government has completed annual and monthly data entry for 94% and 70% schools respectively in the MIS portal.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed concern over only 70% monthly data entry and advised the State to ensure up-to date data entry (100%) every month. PAB also advised the State Government to ensure that officials at various levels are sensitized about significance of correct data entry and quality check of the data entered in MIS, through reviews on monthly basis.

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

AMS has been put in place for real time monitoring of PM POSHAN. Data on number of meals served on a particular day and, reasons, if meals are not served, are being captured from schools with no cost to school headmasters/teachers. Out of 68,371 schools, on an average basis, daily data has been reported by 19,922 (30%) schools on Automated Monitoring System.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB, expressed his anguish over poor reporting of the data in the AMS. He asked the State to take concrete steps and to ensure 100% data submission by all schools on all school working days on AMS by 30th June 2024.

4.16 Centralized kitchens:

Centralized kitchens have been engaged for providing meals to about 4.70 lakh students in 3833 schools in 10 districts.

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

4.17 Social Audit:

Social Audit has been conducted in 429 schools (5% of total schools) across the State by Society for Social Audit, Accountancy & Transparency (SSAAT), Rajasthan.

Comments of PAB: PAB observed that as per Guidelines Social Audit was to be conducted in 1367 schools. However, State has conducted Social Audit in 429 schools only. Further PAB advised the State Government 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 with Action Taken Report thereon after completion of Social Audit. Expenditure on Social Audit may be met from MME component. Social Audit Report should be send to the PM POSHAN Bureau of the DoSE&L, Govt. of India on or before 30th May, 2024.

4.18 Menu:

The PM POSHAN Guidelines envisage that 100 gram food grains, 20 gram pulses, 50 gram vegetables and 5 gram oil to be used per meals per child in Primary and 150 gram food grains, 30 gram pulses, 75 gram vegetables and 7.5 gram oils to be used per child per

meals in Upper Primary classes. It was informed that State has revised the menu to ensure provision of all envisaged items and prescribed nutritional norms on all days. The Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB advised the State that the food norms of the Scheme as mentioned in the below table are to be followed in true spirit so that students receive prescribed calories, proteins, fats etc. in prescribed amounts.

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. 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 working days under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

However, these fortified items are not easily available in the local markets at school level in many States and therefore, generally not used in preparation of hot cooked meals. Similarly, less use of pulses than the prescribed quantities has been observed in many instances across the States. In this regard it was informed that 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, the Government of India, to benefit from economies of scale and assured subsidized rate in the interest of students. This will also ensure availability and use of pulses at school level ensuring provision of protein as per norms like in the case of food grains.

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

4.20 Use of Shree Anna (Millets):

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

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

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

State Government informed that health check-ups have been carried out for 78% of the enrolled students. Iron & Folic Acid tablets and De-worming medicines were administered to 78% of the enrolled students.

Comments of PAB: The PAB expressed deep concern over health check-ups not being conducted for about 13.5 lakh (22%) students. The Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB observed very low health check-ups in some districts viz. Baran (1%), Banswara (12%), Nagaur (23%), Pali (28%) and advised Government of Rajasthan to ensure coverage of 100% students for health check-ups and to maintain their health cards. Further, PAB suggested that focused group data of adolescent girls, students of aspirational districts, etc. may be

captured and used for necessary corrective action if required. School should capture Height and Weight of each students at least annually and digitised the data. Teachers may also be trained to visually observe the signs of Anaemia and Dental problems. The health cards prepared by doctors are to be digitised and maintained regularly. Parents of the students may be informed accordingly for referrals, if required.

4.22 Direct Benefit Transfer – Aadhaar enrolment: State Government has informed that 48.99 lakh (78%) of the enrolled students have Aadhaar.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB, expressed concern that about 13.65 lakh students still do not have Aadhaar and advised the State to cover all the students for Aadhaar enrolment. The 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.

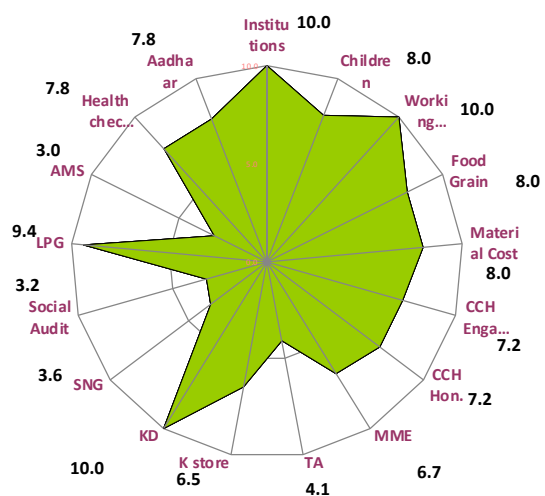
It was further informed that the PM POSHAN Scheme is identified as the DBT 'In Kind' Scheme under Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act. For availing benefits under the PM POSHAN Scheme, Aadhaar enrolment number can be insisted, subject to consent of parents/guardian for enrolment. **However, no child shall be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

4.23 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 the PAB through score card. The score card based on performance of the State on the indicators of the Scheme is as under:

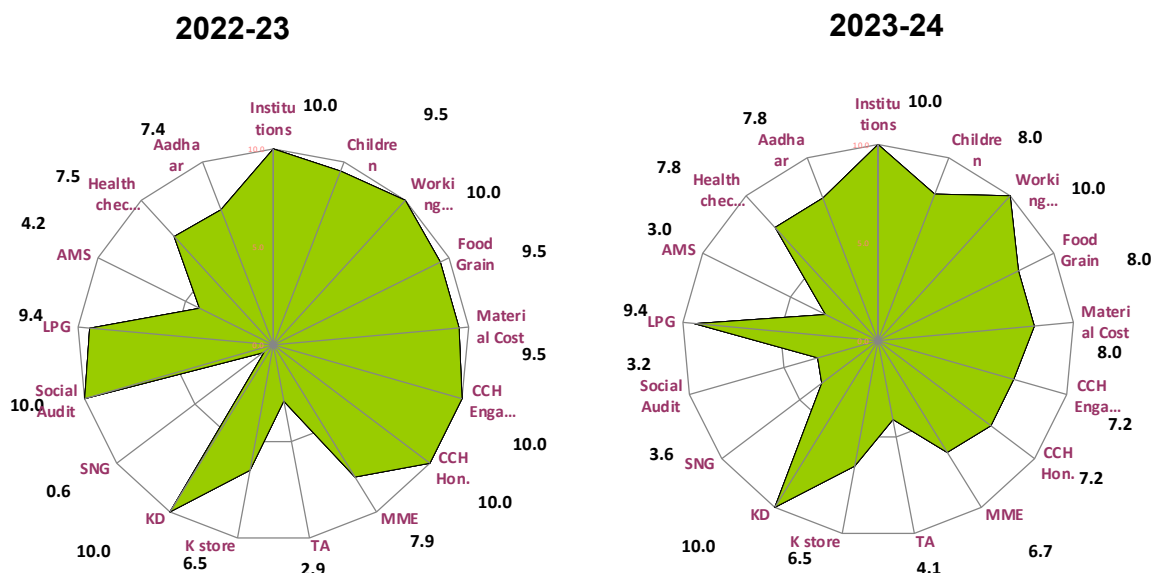
Rajasthan : Performance Score Card

Component	PAB-Approval for 2023-24	Achievement up to 30.11.2023	% Achievement
Institutions	68371	68371	100
Children	6145374	4917812	80
Working Days *	146	146	100
Food Grain Utilization (in MTs) *	105378.11	84980.79	80
Material Cost (Rs. in Lakh) *	57415.41	46301.45	80
CCH Engaged	160064	115403	72
CCH Honorarium (Rs. in Lakh) *	22442	16180	72
MME (Rs. in Lakh) *	1367.22	921.16	67
TA (Rs. in Lakh) *	1804.41	739.46	41
Kitchen cum Stores	77298	50312	65
Kitchen Devices	119387	119387	100
SNGs (No. of schools)	68371	24150	34
Social Audit	1367	429	32
LPG	68371	64538	94
AMS	68371	19922	30
Health checkup	6264851	4907880	78
Aadhaar enrolment	6264851	4899842	78



*Allocation for 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023

Rajasthan : Year wise Performance Score Card



Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB observed that the performance of State in FY 2023-24 has gone down on certain aspects like coverage of students, engagement of CCH, Utilisation of Food grains and Material cost, Utilisation of MME etc. He further advised the State Government to take corrective measures where the State performance is poor e.g. daily data submission in the AMS, development of School Nutrition Gardens, Coverage of students under health Check-ups, administration of IFA tablets and De-worming medicines and Utilisation of MME funds etc. for improving the performance of the Scheme in the State. He further advised that this radar chart is an effective tool for periodic monitoring of key indicators under the Scheme and may be used for district wise review of performance indicators on monthly basis. Further, he emphasized that the time-series data on key indicators may be prepared in order to identify deviations, 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 35,910 students in Bal Vatikas, 30,79,581 students in Primary Classes and 18,05,583 Students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. Total proposal for coverage of total 49,21,074 students under the Scheme during 2024-25 has been submitted by the State.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, PAB approved to cover 35,910 students in Bal Vatikas, 30,79,581 students in Primary Classes and 18,05,583 Students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. PAB approval was given for coverage of total of 49,21,074 students under the Scheme during FY 2024-25. However, PAB advised Govt. of Rajasthan 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 239 school days in Bal Vatikas, Primary and Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to serve hot cooked meals on 239 school days in Bal Vatikas, Primary and Upper Primary Classes during the FY 2024-25.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

State Government has proposed to engage 1,60,064 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 to engage 1,15,403 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under the PM POSHAN Scheme during FY 2024-25.

5.4 Drought

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

5.6 Kitchen Devices

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

5.7 Flexibility for Innovative interventions

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

5.8 Social Audit

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

Approval of PAB: After the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State. State was advised to conduct Social Audit in 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 share action taken report after conducting Social Audit. Social Audit may be completed for FY 2024-25 by September, 2024 and report be submitted before October, 2024.

5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

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

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

5.10 Cooking Competitions

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

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

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

6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. N.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for FY 2024-25
1	Schools	
1.1	Primary	31,445
1.2	Upper Primary	38,599
	Total	70,044
2	Students	
2.1	Bal Vatikas	35,910
2.2	Primary	30,79,581
2.3	Upper Primary	18,05,583
	Total	49,21,074
3	Working Days	
3.1	Bal Vatikas	239
3.2	Primary	239
3.3	Upper Primary	239
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	1,15,403
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	No proposal has been submitted by the State

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	45493.68	30343.50	75837.18
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	6924.18	4616.12	11540.30
1.3	Cost of food grains	3247.73	0	3247.73
1.4	Transportation Assistance	2087.86	0	2087.86
1.5	MME	1559.34	0	1559.34
Total		59312.79	34959.62	94272.41
2	Serving of meals during summer vacations in drought affected areas	0	0	0
Total - Recurring		59312.79	34959.62	94272.41
3	Non-Recurring			
3.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store	0	0	0
3.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores	0	0	0
3.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices	0	0	0
3.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices – Replacement	0	0	0
Total Non-Recurring		0	0	0
Grand Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)		59312.79	34959.62	94272.41

7.2 Flexibility for new interventions: No proposal has been submitted by the State.

8. PAB has approved total financial outlay of **Rs 94272.41 lakh** comprising of the Central Share of **Rs. 59312.79 lakh** and the State Share of **Rs. 34959.62 lakh** for FY 2024-25. The PAB also approved allocation of **139190.39** MTs of food grains from Government of India for FY 2024-25. The detailed component-wise quantification for 2024-25 is at **Appendix**. The minimum mandatory State Share

has been calculated based on the existing norms and sharing pattern. However, State may add additional funds from their own resources.

9. It is pertinent to note that the Govt. of India bears entire cost of food grains i.e. Rs. 43259.81 lakh for the State of Rajasthan @ Rs 39.18 per kg for Rice and Rs 27.03 per kg for Wheat of which Rs. 40012.08 lakh is in the form of subsidy borne through Department of Food & Public Distribution under the National Food Security Act, 2013.
10. It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of food grains during 2024-25 under the PM POSHAN Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, Rules, Guidelines and Instructions issued under the PM POSHAN Scheme from time to time, provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance, as applicable, on all school days. During the year, if it is noticed by the State Government that more funds are needed to implement the Scheme, due to various reasons, like increase in the attendance of students, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach the PM POSHAN Bureau, DoSE&L, Government of India, with justification, seeking additional Central Assistance and food grains. Similarly, if the Central Government observes less coverage than the approvals, the actual releases may be restricted to actual coverage.

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

11. **The State Government is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the State and districts so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every eligible student is served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-PM POSHAN.**

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

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



STATE OF RAJASTHAN: QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2024-25

A. Food grains

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Students	Working Days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Bal Vatika (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	35,910	239	286.06	572.19	858.25
2	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	30,79,581	239	24531.54	49070.45	73601.99
3	Upper Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	18,05,583	239	21574.56	43155.59	64730.15
	Total	49,21,074		46392.16	92798.23	139190.39

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 and Rs 2000 per MT for Wheat	1717.36
2	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	24067.85
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per child per day	16045.23
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	1104.03
4	Honorarium for 1,15,403 Cook-Cum-Helper	
4.1	Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months	6924.18
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months	4616.12
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	912.96
Total Central Share for Primary		34726.38

Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for Rice and Rs 2000 per MT for Wheat	1510.35
7	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.90 per child per day	21145.18
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	14111.17
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	970.95
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	637.92
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		24264.40
Bal Vatikas		
11	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for Rice and Rs 2000 per MT for Wheat	20.03
12	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
12.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	280.65
12.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per child per day	187.10
13	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	12.87
14	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material cost iii) Cost of transportation	8.46
Total Central Share for Bal Vatikas		322.01
Total Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + Bal Vatikas)		59312.79

C. Drought : Nil

D. Non-recurring : Nil

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	59312.79	34959.62	94272.41
2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0	0	0
3	Total (1+2)	59312.79	34959.62	94272.41
4	Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions @ 5% of total recurring assistance	2828.17	1885.45	4713.62
4.1	Provision of supplementary nutrition	No proposal has been submitted by the State		

F. Total Allotment of Funds for 2024-25

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total
Recurring	Normal	59312.79	34959.62	94272.41
	Drought	0	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0	0
Grand Total		59312.79	34959.62	94272.41



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