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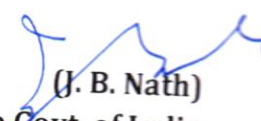
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 15th April, 2024

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 17.01.2024 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) of State of Tamil Nadu 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 17.01.2024 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 Tamil Nadu.

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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8. Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
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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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 Tamil Nadu.

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-PM POSHAN (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, on 17.01.2024 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 Tamil Nadu.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 proposal of Tamil Nadu 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 the Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare & Women Empowerment, Govt. of Tamil Nadu to brief the PAB about implementation of the scheme in the State. The Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare & Women Empowerment, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Additional Director (PM POSHAN), Govt. of Tamil Nadu 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 Tamil Nadu during 2023-24 and recommendations for 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
Primary	22,48,314	22,49,700	20,74,346	92	92
U. Primary	18,64,599	15,37,879	15,06,243	81	98
NCLP	0	519	0	0	0
Total	41,12,913	37,88,098	35,80,589	87	95

PAB observed that there is a reduction of 1,55,112 in enrolment from 2022-23 to 2023-24. The coverage has also gone down and there is a reduction of 3,25,798 Students from 2022-23 to 2023-24. Secretary DoSEL, cum Chairman of PAB, advised the State to review the above reduction and submit a report by 30th April, 2024. PAB expressed that efforts may be made to cover all the eligible students under the scheme.

District wise higher coverage of students at Upper Primary level against enrolment (01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023)				
SN	District	Enrolled children	Covered under PM POSHAN	% coverage
1	Dharmapuri	44776	43776	98%
2	The Nilgiris	10503	10269	98%
3	Villupuram	55975	54720	98%
4	Cuddalore	63602	60558	95%

Secretary DoSE&L cum Chairman of PAB observed that the coverage of students was more than the State average in the districts viz., Dharmapuri, The Nilgiris, Villupuram and Cuddalore at Upper Primary level. He suggested that State Government may verify the high coverage in these districts and an action taken report may be submitted by 30th April, 2024.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB has approved 139 days to be covered during April to November of 2023-24, State reported coverage of 139 (100%) working days.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the full coverage of working days by State Government as hot cooked meals was served 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 Govt. of Tamil Nadu has created the State Linked Scheme (SLS).

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

- i. State Linked Scheme (SLS) created for shareable and non-shareable 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.
- 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 only 3% of the allocated funds under MME component during the April to November of the year 2023-24.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed concern over low utilization 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 full and 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 1,28,130 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during 2023-24 in the State, the State has engaged all 1,28,130 Cook-cum-helpers. The State has proposed to engage 1,28,130 Cook-cum-Helpers for 2024-25. State is providing an special time scales for CCH per month from its own resources.

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

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

Central Assistance of Rs.15202.81 Lakh was released for construction of 28,470 Kitchen-cum-Stores over several years. As on 31.11.2023, construction has been completed for 28,470 Kitchen-cum-stores. Construction work for one Kitchen-cum-Store is in progress.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the 100% construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores and advised the State to ensure that meals under 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.6869.79 lakh was released towards procurement of 1,19,211 units of kitchen devices over several years. The State Government has reported that 1,01,899 units of kitchen devices have been procured and 17,312 units of kitchen devices are yet to be procured. PAB observed that State has not yet submitted proposal for procurement of 16,836 units of kitchen devices which were approved by PAB for FY 2023-24. Principal Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu informed that the proposal will be submitted within 15 days.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed concern and advised the State to complete the procurement in a time bound manner. PAB further advised the State to expedite the submission of proposal for 16836 units of kitchen devices. Secretary, DoSEL cum Chairman of PAB advised the State of Tamil Nadu to use the proper vessels for cooking

of meals as per the guidelines and advisory issued by Government of India to States from time to time.

4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:

State Government has developed School Nutrition Gardens in 28,870 (67%) schools out of 43,131 schools.

Comments of PAB: 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 MNREGS 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:

The concept of Tithi Bhojan (Nal virundhu) has been adopted by the State Government under which, members from general public provide nutritious meal or fruits to students on special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries or festivals etc. State informed that during 2023-24, 8,991, full meals were served in 3,013 schools.

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

4.10 Supplementary nutrition items:

State Government providing Eggs/Bananas daily and Bengal gram/ Potato fries weekly. The State also informed that they are providing breakfast to all eligible students from Class 1 to 10.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of State Government and asked the other States to follow the practice.

4.11 Testing of meals:

State Government reported that 38 samples were collected and tested during the year out of which 30 samples were meeting the norms and results were awaited for the rest of the samples.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State Government to carry out the testing of the samples of cooked meals to check quality and nutritional values 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 and other capacity building activities:

State Government reported that training of cook cum helpers were carried during the year and 15,000 Cook-cum-Helpers were trained during 2023-24. State has also reported that CCHs (from all districts) participated in cooking competitions, cash prize of Rs.5000/- for each district were provided to winners.

Comments of PAB: State Government advised to organize training programmes for all Cook-cum-Helpers during 2024-25.

4.13 Data Entry on PM POSHAN-MIS Web Portal:

PM POSHAN-MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of scheme. The annual data entry module captures master data on availability of Kitchen-cum-Stores, kitchen devices, number of Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, mode of cooking etc. The monthly data entry module captures data on number of days meals served; number of meals served, honorarium paid to Cook-cum-Helpers, number of students 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 the particular day and reasons if meals not served is being captured from schools with no cost to school headmasters/teachers. Out of 43,131 schools, on an average basis daily data has been reported by 22,845 schools (53%) on Automated Monitoring System.

Comments of PAB: Secretary DoSE&L, cum Chairman of PAB expressed concern over low percentage of data reported i.e. only 53% 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 AMS by 30th June 2024.

4.15 Centralized kitchens:

There is no centralized kitchen in the State under PM POSHAN Scheme.

4.16 Social Audit:

Social Audit has not been conducted during 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023. State informed that Social Audit shall be conducted in 954 schools of 38 districts by the Tamil Nadu Social Audit Society (SASTA) within this financial year.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed deep concern over the non-conduct of Social Audit during 2023-24. 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 envisages that 100 gram food-grains, 20 gram pulses, 50 gram vegetables and 5 gram oil to be used per meal per child in Primary and 150 gram food-grains, 30 gram pulses, 75 gram vegetables and 7.5 gram oils to be used per child per meal in Upper Primary. State informed that they have developed 2 sets

of weekly menu which are used alternatively. Secretary, DoSEL cum Chairman of PAB appreciated the wide range of items in the menu.

4.18 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 are beneficial for the eyes and general health. Provision of pulses is also very crucial in providing good quality protein which is essential for healthy growth of Students. Accordingly, the Scheme guidelines envisages usage of double fortified salt and fortified oil and also specify the quantity of pulses i.e. 20 gram per child per day in Primary and 30 gram per child per day in Upper Primary on all school days under PM POSHAN Scheme.

However, these fortified items are not easily available in the local markets at school level in many States and therefore, generally not used in preparation of hot cooked meals. Similarly, less use of pulses than the prescribed quantities has been observed in many instances across the States. In this regard it was informed that Union Cabinet has approved that 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 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 did not submit any proposal for inclusion of Millets under PM POSHAN in the AWP&B for the year 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 Shree Anna (Millets) in meals once a week under PM POSHAN.

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

State Government informed that health check-up has been carried out for 96% of the enrolled students. All the enrolled students were administered IFA tablets and deworming medicines also.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the steps taken by State Government and noted that health check-up of about 176,741 students were still pending. 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 has informed that all the enrolled 41.12 lakh (100%) students have Aadhaar.

Comments of PAB: Secretary DoSE&L, cum Chairman of PAB appreciated the efforts made by State. 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 PM POSHAN scheme is identified as DBT 'In Kind' scheme under Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act. For availing benefits under PM POSHAN Scheme, Aadhar 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. States & UTs may collect Aadhaar data with the consent of parents.

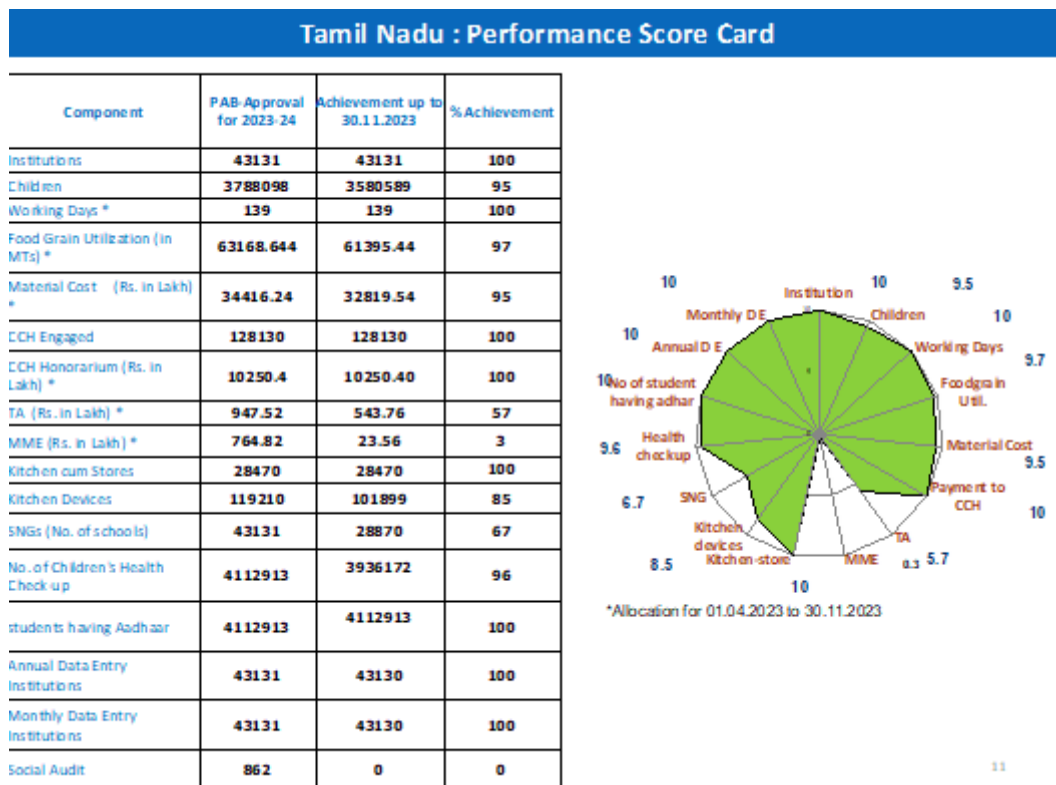
4.22 Any other issues:

State also requested for i) Enhancement of Cook-cum-Helpers and ii) Enhancement of material cost.

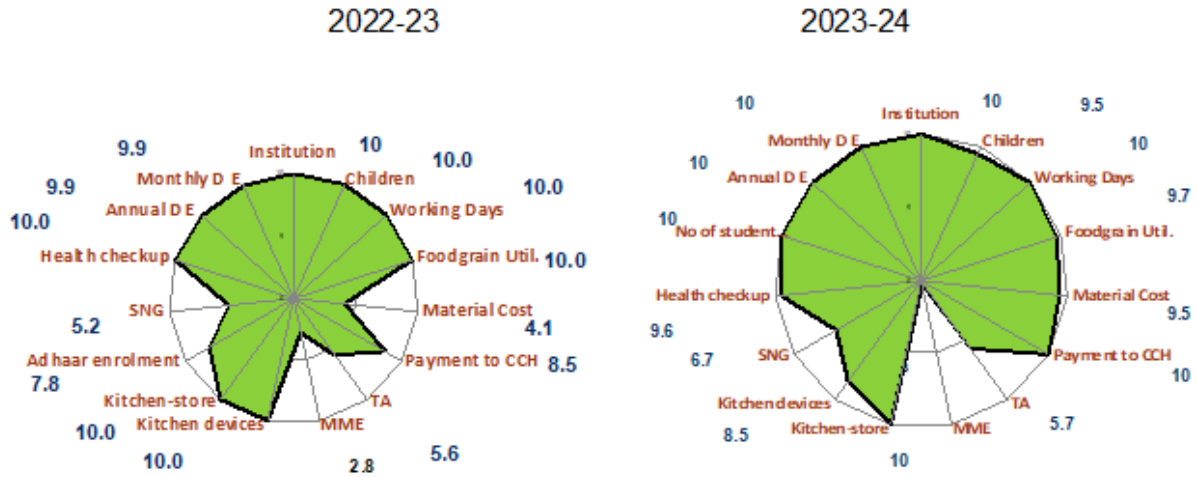
Comments of PAB: The request was noted and State and Tamil Nadu was asked to submit specific proposals.

4.23 Overall analysis of the performance

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



Tamil Nadu : Year wise Performance Score Card



Secretary, DoSE&L cum Chairman of PAB observed that State has made good progress on aspects like utilization of material cost, payment of honorarium to CCH etc. However, he advised the State Government to take corrective measures on the poorly performing indicators i.e. use of MME funds and Transportation Assistance for improving the performance of the scheme. He further advised that this radar chart is an effective tool for periodic district wise monitoring of key indicators under the scheme and may be used for reviewing the performance of the districts/school managements. 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 22,51,300 students in Primary Classes, 15,47,078 Students in Upper Primary Classes during 2024-25. Total proposal submitted for 37,98,378 lakh students to be covered under the scheme during 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, PAB approved 20,74,346 students in Primary Classes and 15,06,243 students in Upper Primary classes during 2024-25. PAB approval was given for 35,80,589 lakh students to be covered during FY 2024-25. However, PAB advised Tamil Nadu to send proposal if there is any increase in the number of eligible students more than the approval under the scheme.

5.2 Coverage of Working Days

State Government has proposed to serve meals on 220 days in Primary and Upper Primary during 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to serve meals on 220 days in both Primary and Upper Primary Schools during 2024-25.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

State Government has proposed to engage 1,28,130 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under PM POSHAN Scheme during 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to engage 1,28,130 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under PM POSHAN Scheme during 2024-25.

5.4 Drought

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-stores

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

5.6 Kitchen Devices

State Government has proposed replacement of 16,487 units of Kitchen Devices during 2024-25 with the financial assistance of Rs.2435.10 lakh comprising of Rs. 1461.06 lakh as Central share and Rs.974.04 lakh as corresponding State share.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB not approved the proposal of State for the replacement of 16,487 units of Kitchen Devices as the State has not yet completed the procurement of 17,312 units of kitchen devices sanctioned in 2022-23. State also not submitted the proposal of 16,836 units of kitchen devices as approved by PAB for 2023-24. PAB asked the State to submit the proposal within a month.

5.7 Flexibility for Innovative interventions

For School Nutrition Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, State may use a maximum of Rs 3510.27 lakh (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 (Kitchen) Gardens

State Government has proposed to set up units of 7,020 SNGs with an outlay of Rs. 351.00 lakh comprising of Central Assistance of Rs. 210.60 lakh and corresponding State Share of Rs.140.40 lakh during 2024-25 with the funds available under flexi component.

Approval of PAB: PAB approved the proposal of State.

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 in as per the Scheme guidelines in all the districts in at least 20 schools or 2% schools, whichever is higher.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government carry out Social Audit in at least 20 schools or 2% schools whichever is higher. 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: Following 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 nutritious menu.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, 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 the year 2024-25

6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. N.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2024-25
1	Schools	
1.1	Primary	27,003
1.2	Upper Primary	16,128
2	Students	
2.1	Primary	20,74,346
2.2	Upper Primary	15,06,243
2.3	Special Training Centres (NCLP)	0
3	Working Days	
3.1	Primary	220
3.2	Upper Primary	220
3.3	Special Training Centres (NCLP)	0
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	81,225

4.2	Upper Primary	46,905
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 2024-25
1	Flexibility for Innovative Interventions	
1.1	School Nutrition Gardens (Setting up in schools)	7,020
1.2	No Proposal	Nil

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	31160.15	20784.47	51944.62
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-helpers	7687.80	5125.20	12813.00
1.3	Cost of food grains – (95341.63 MT Rice)	2860.25	0	2860.25
01.4	Transportation Assistance	1430.12	0	1430.12
1.5	MME	1164.74	0	1164.74
	Total	44303.06	25909.67	70212.73
2.	Serving of meals in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0	0	0
	Total Recurring	44303.06	25909.67	70212.73

3	Non-Recurring			
3.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Store	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores (0)	00	00	00
3.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices	00	00	00
3.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	00	00	00
Total Non-Recurring		00	00	00
Grand Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)		44303.06	25909.67	70212.73

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	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (7020 units)	210.60	140.40	351.00
1.2	Provision of Supplementary nutrition. (No Proposal)	00	00	00

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. **44303.06** lakh & **95341.63** MTs food-grains and minimum mandatory State share of Rs. **25909.67** lakh has been done as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals 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. 37354.85 lakh for the State of Tamil Nadu @ Rs 39.18 per kg for rice for 2024-25, of which Rs. 34494.60 lakh is in the form of subsidy borne through Department of Food & Public distribution under the National Food Security Act, 2013.

10. It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of food grains during 2024-25 under the PM POSHAN Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, Rules, Guidelines and Instructions issued under the PM POSHAN Scheme from time to time, provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance, as applicable, on all school days. During the year, if it is noticed by the State Government that more funds are needed to implement the Scheme, due to various reasons like increase in the attendance of students, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach Government of India, with justification, seeking additional Central Assistance and food grains. Similarly, if the Central Government observes less coverage than the approvals, the actual releases may be restricted to actual coverage.

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

11. The State Government is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the State and districts to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every eligible student 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 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.



Appendix

State of Tamil Nadu : QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2024-25

A. Food grains

Sl.	Stage	No of Children	Working days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	2074346	220	45635.612	0	45635.612
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	1506243	220	49706.019	0	49706.019
Grand Total		3580589		95341.631		95341.631

B. Cost of Food-grains, cooking 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	1369.07
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	14922.85
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per child per day	9948.56
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	684.53
4	Honorarium for 81225 Cook-Cum-Helpers	
4.1	Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	4873.50
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	3249.00
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i. Cost of food grains ii. Cooking cost iii. Cost of transportation and iv. Honorarium to Cook – cum-Helpers	589.95
Total Central Share for Primary		22439.90

Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs.3000 per MT for rice	1491.18
7	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 8.17 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.90 per child per day	16237.30
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 3.27per child per day	10835.91
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1500 Per MT food grains	745.59
9	Honorarium for 46905 Cook-Cum-Helpers	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	2814.30
9.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share -@ Rs 400 for 10 months)	1876.20
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i. Cost of food grains ii. Cooking cost iii. Cost of transportation and iv. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	574.79
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		21863.16

C. Drought : Nil

D. Non-recurring : Nil

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-store	0
2	Repair of kitchen-cum-store (0)	0
3	Kitchen Devices (New) (0)	0
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement) (0)	0
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		0

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	44303.06	25909.67	70212.73

2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations- from Table C	0	0	0
3	Total (1+2)	44303.06	25909.67	70212.73
4	Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions	2106.38	1404.25	3510.64
4.1	State will develop SNGs (7020 units)	210.60	140.40	351.00

G. Total Requirement of Funds for 2024-25 :(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
Recurring	Normal	44303.06	25909.67	70212.73
	Drought	0	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0	0
Grand Total		44303.06	25909.67	70212.73

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