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Ministry of Education
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 Telangana 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 **Telangana**.

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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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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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 Telangana.

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 Telangana.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 proposal of State of Telangana 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-up 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 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. It was noted by PAB that due to illness Principal Secretary (School Education), Government of Telangana could not attend the meeting.

3. Further, he invited Ms. A. Sridevasena, Commissioner & Director, School Education, Govt. of Telangana to brief the PAB about implementation of the scheme in the State. She made a presentation on the performance of Scheme in the State during FY 2023-24 and 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 Telangana during FY 2023-24 and the recommendations for FY 2024-25 based on the appraisal of State's AWP&B-2024-25, for consideration and approval of the PAB.

4. Review of Performance during 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023

4.1 Coverage of students:

Average number of students covered under the Scheme with reference to enrolment and PAB approval are as under:

Stage	Enrolment	PAB approval for 2023-24	Average number of students availed meals	% Avg. students availed meals vis-a-vis enrolment	% Avg. students availed meals vis-a-vis PAB approval
Bal Vatikas	0	7,537	0	0%	0%
Primary	11,96,559	11,24,244	8,19,783	69%	73%
Upper Primary	6,92,429	5,44,348	4,69,689	68%	86%
NCLP	0	1,658	0	0%	0%
Total	18,88,988	16,77,787	12,89,472	68%	77%

Secretary DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB reduction of 2.25 lakh students in enrolment from 2022-23 to 2023-24. He further observed that the average coverage of students under the PM POSHAN Scheme has decreased by about 3.71 lakh students from 2022-23 to 2023-24, which is alarming. He further observed coverage of less than 60% enrolled

students in districts Hyderabad and Mulugu in Primary Classes, and districts Hyderabad, Pedapalli, Macherial, Bhadradi and Medchal in Upper Primary Classes.

He expressed deep concern over this low coverage of enrolled students and advised the State to identify reasons for this, take corrective measures and submit action taken report may be submitted by 30th April, 2024.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB had approved 138 days to be covered during April to November, 2023, State has reported coverage of 134 working days.

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

4.3 Financial Performance:

PAB had approved financial outlay of Rs 32371.44 lakh comprising of Rs.20376.25 lakh as Central Share and Rs.11995.19 lakh as State Share for FY 2023-24. The PAB also approved allocation of 45078.67 MTs food grains.

It was further informed that State has Unspent balance of Rs.2164.88 lakh available as on 01.04.2023. 1st instalment of Rs.3693.50 lakh was released on 14.12.2023 and 2nd instalment of Rs.3693.51 lakh was released on 26.02.2024 to the State.

Comments of PAB: PAB noted the information and advised the State to expedite submission of complete proposal along with requisite details for 3rd instalment of 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 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) to be 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, 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 24% of the allocated funds under MME component for the period of April to November, 2023.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed concern over poor 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 had approved 54,201 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during FY 2023-24 in the State. The State has engaged all 54,201 Cook-cum-Helpers. State is providing an additional amount of Rs 2000 per CCH per month from its own resources over and above its minimum mandatory share.

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

4.7 Kitchen-cum-Stores (Construction):

It was informed that Central Assistance of Rs. 23469.15 Lakh has been released during 2006-2012 for construction of 30,408 Kitchen-cum-Stores. As on 31.12.2022, construction has been completed for 17,483 Kitchen-cum-Stores and construction work is in progress for 3,698 Kitchen-cum-Stores. The State has not started construction work for 9,227 Kitchen-cum-Stores.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed deep concern over this long pending issue and advised the State Government to surrender the Central Assistance released towards construction of these 9,227 Kitchen-cum-Stores alongwith interest earned, if any.

4.8 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs. 1649.66 lakh was released towards procurement of 32993 units of Kitchen Devices since 2006-07. The State has reported that all the sanctioned 32993 units of Kitchen Devices had been procured.

As regards replacement of Kitchen Devices, Central assistance of Rs. 1526.60 lakh has been released towards replacement of 30532 units of Kitchen Devices. In this regard the State informed that 78457 units of kitchen devices were sanctioned as replacement to undivided Andhra Pradesh. After bifurcation of the State into Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in June, 2014, 47925 units of kitchen devices were to be allocated to Andhra Pradesh and 30532 to Telangana on pro rata basis in proportion to the number of schools in the districts of the States. However, the division of funds has not happened yet. Therefore, the State Government has proposed replacement of 17,414 kitchen devices during 2019-20. PAB approved the proposal of 17,414 kitchen devices with an outlay of Rs 2376.30 lakh, which comprises of Rs.1425.78 lakh as central share and Rs 950.52 lakh as State share, with the condition that once the funds of earlier sanctioned kitchen devices are bifurcated among Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the amount sanctioned earlier may either be refunded by both the States or adjusted in future releases. Accordingly,

Rs.1425.78 lakh as Central Share for replacement of 17414 kitchen devices were released on 04.03.2020. State is yet to procure these 17414 kitchen devices.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State to complete procurement of all sanctioned kitchen devices by 30th June, 2024 and submit an action taken report. PAB also advised the State to resolve the issue of earlier sanctioned kitchen devices with Andhra Pradesh at the earliest.

4.9 School Nutrition Gardens:

State Government has developed School Nutrition Gardens in 2,534 schools (9%) out of 27,008 schools.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB expressed deep concern that only 9% schools have School Nutrition Gardens. He further observed that less than 1% schools have SNGs in district Hyderabad, Mulugu, Mahbubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Adilabad and Warangal. 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 eggs thrice a week to all students from State's own resources. State Government is also providing Ragi Jaava to students. The Government of Telangana is also providing breakfast in 3772 schools from its own resources.

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

4.12 Testing of meals:

State Government reported that 13 samples were tested and all were meeting the norms.

Comments of PAB: PAB observed that testing has been done in only two districts viz. Hyderabad and Sangareddy 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.

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

State Government reported that training of Cook-cum-Helpers could not be conducted during FY 2023-24. It was also informed that cooking competitions could not be organised.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed deep concern over no training for Cook-cum-Helpers during FY 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 100% schools respectively in the MIS portal.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of State 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.

4.15 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 the particular day and, reasons, if meals are not served, are being captured from schools with no cost to school headmasters/teachers. Out of 27,008 schools, on an average basis, daily data has been reported by **13,227 (49%)** 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 3.11 lakh students in 2819 schools in 7 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 660 schools @ 20 schools in each of the 33 districts across the State by Centre for Economic and Social Studies.

Comments of PAB: PAB observed that as per Guidelines Social Audit should have been conducted in 697 schools, however, State has conducted Social Audit in 660 schools. PAB advised the State Government to conduct Social Audit as per the Scheme Guidelines in not less than 697 schools, 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, Government 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. It was informed that State has revised the menu to ensure provision of all envisaged items and prescribed nutritional norms on all days.

Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of 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 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-up has been carried out for 88% of the enrolled students. Iron & Folic Acid tablets and de-worming medicines were administered to 59% and 86% of the enrolled students respectively.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the steps taken by State Government and noted that health check-ups of about 2.23 lakh students were still pending. The Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB observed low health check-ups in districts Adilabad and Jogalumba and advised Government of Telangana to ensure coverage of 100% students for health check-ups, providing IFA and De-worming Tablets 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. **State asked to advise schools to capture Height and Weight of each student at least annually and to digitise 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 informed that 17.62 lakh (93%) of the enrolled students have Aadhaar.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB, appreciated coverage of Aadhaar for 93% students and advised the State to ensure coverage of Aadhaar to remaining 7% students also. 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.**

4.23 Any other issues:

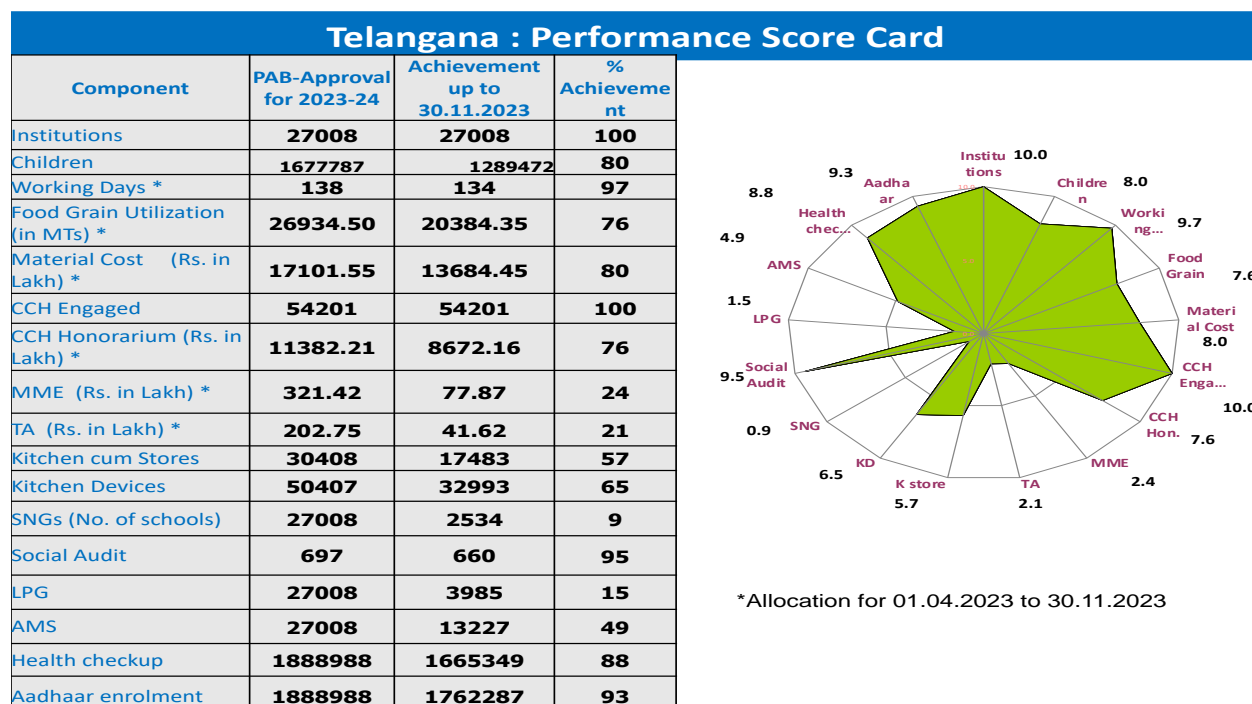
State also requested for:

- i) Enhancement of material cost,
- ii) Separate budget for providing three eggs per week
- iii) Separate budget for providing Supplementary Nutrition
- iv) Separate Budget for establishing School Nutrition Gardens
- v) Extension of the PM POSHAN Scheme to IX & X classes.

Comments of PAB: The request was noted by PAB and the State of Telangana was asked to submit specific proposals on the above.

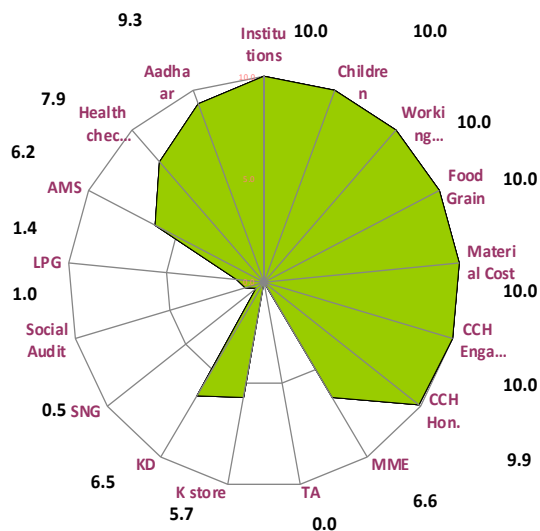
4.24 Overall analysis of the performance

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:

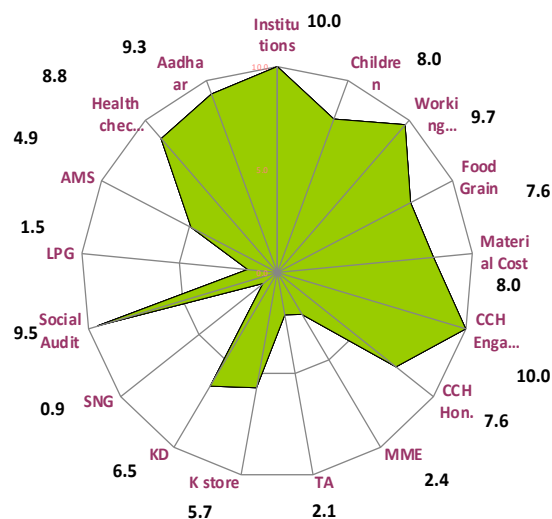


Telangana : Year wise Performance Score Card

2022-23



2023-24



Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of the PAB advised the State Government to take corrective measures where the State performance is poor e.g. Coverage of students, Daily data submission in AMS, Provision of LPG, Development of School Nutrition Gardens, Procurement of Kitchen Devices, Utilisation of MME, Utilisation of Transportation Assistance etc. for improving the performance under the Scheme. 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. **State was advised to provide LPG in all kitchens on priority basis.**

5. Component wise Proposals and PAB-PM POSHAN Approvals

5.1 Coverage of Students

State Government has proposed to cover 11,96,559 students in Primary Classes and 6,92,429 students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. Total proposal submitted for 18,88,988 students to be covered under the scheme during FY 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, PAB approved to cover 8,26,726 students in Primary Classes and 4,72,699 students in Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25. PAB approval was given for 12,99,425 students to be covered during FY 2024-25. However, PAB advised Govt. of Telangana 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 231 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 231 days in Primary and Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

State Government has proposed to engage 54,201 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 54,201 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under 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

For School Nutrition Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, State may use 5% of total approved budget under recurring assistance of the Scheme i.e. Rs 1332.43 lakh comprising of Rs 799.46 lakh as Centre Share and Rs 532.97 lakh as State Share. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

5.7.1 Supplementary Nutrition

State Government has proposed to provide Millet soup (Ragi Jaava) on 101 days to all enrolled students with financial outlay of Rs 2673.18 lakh comprising of Rs 1603.91 lakh as Centre Share and Rs 1069.27 lakh as State Share.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, PAB approved to provide Millet soup (Ragi Jaava) on 101 days to all enrolled students with financial outlay of Rs 1332.43 lakh comprising of Rs 799.46 lakh as Centre Share and Rs 532.97 lakh as State Share.

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 not less than 697 schools across the State. 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 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 the 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	20,036
1.2	Upper Primary	8,771
	Total	28,807
2	Students	
2.1	Primary	8,26,726
2.2	Upper Primary	4,72,699
	Total	12,99,425
3	Working Days	
3.1	Primary	231
3.2	Upper Primary	231
4.	Drought	
4.1	Students Primary	0
4.2	Students Upper Primary	0
4.3	Working days (Pry + Upper Primary)	0
4.4	Cook-cum-Helpers	0
5	Cook-cum-Helpers	
5.1	Primary	34,501
5.2	Upper Primary	19,700

	Total Cook-cum-Helpers	54,201
6	Non Recurring	
6.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
6.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
6.3	Kitchen Devices (New)	0
6.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0

6.2 Flexibility for Innovative Interventions(Physical)

S. N	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for 2024-25
1	Flexibility for Innovative Interventions	
1.1	School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs)	No Proposal submitted by State
1.2	Provision of Supplementary Nutrition.	Provision of Millet Soup (Ragi Jaava) for 101 days for all enrolled students

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

7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
1	Recurring -Serving of meals during regular school working days			
1.1	Material cost	11595.32	7733.85	19329.17
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	3252.06	2168.04	5420.10
1.3	Cost of food grains	1064.29	0	1064.29
1.4	Transportation Assistance	394.85	0	394.85
1.5	MME	440.28	0	440.28
	Total	16746.80	9901.89	26648.69
2.	Serving of meals in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0	0	0
	Total Recurring			
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)	16746.80	9901.89	26648.69

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	Setting up of School Nutrition Gardens. (No proposal submitted by State.)	0	0	0
1.2	Provision of Supplementary nutrition - Millet Soup (Ragi Jaava) to all enrolled students for 101 days	799.46	532.97	1332.43

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

8. PAB has approved total Financial outlay of **Rs 26648.69 lakh** comprising of Central Share of **Rs.16746.80** lakh and State Share of **Rs. 9901.89** lakh for FY 2024-25. PAB also approved allocation of **35476.39 MTs** food grains 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 Government of India bears entire cost of food grains i.e. Rs 13899.65 lakh for the State of Telangana @ Rs 39.18 per kg for Rice for 2024-25, of which Rs 12835.36 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 the PAB has decided to conduct a State/UT wise, mid-term appraisal of the PM POSHAN Scheme to review the Scheme during FY 2024-25 and submission of action taken report by the State/UT on the issues discussed in the PAB meeting and commitments made by the State/UT.

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



STATE OF TELANGANA : 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)	8,26,726	231	19097.37	0	19097.37
2	Upper Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	4,72,699	231	16379.02	0	16379.02
	Total	12,99,425		35476.39	0	35476.39

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.	572.92
2	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per child per day	6244.84
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per child per day	4163.23
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1113 Per MT food grains	212.55
4	Honorarium for Cook-cum-Helper	
4.1	Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	2070.06
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	1380.04
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material Cost iii) Cost of Transportation Assistance and iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	245.71
Total Central Share for Primary		9346.08

Upper Primary		
6	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for Rice	491.37
7	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per child per day	
7.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.90 per child per day	5350.48
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 3.27per child per day	3570.63
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 1113 Per MT food grains	182.30
9	Honorarium for Cook-cum-Helpers	
9.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	1182.00
9.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share- @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	788.00
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material Cost iii) Cost of transportation Assistance and iv) Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	194.57
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		7400.72
Grand Total for Primary and Upper Primary		16746.80

C. Drought : Nil

D. Non-recurring: Nil

SN	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-Stores-store	0
2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores-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. N	Component	Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
1	Serving of PM POSHAN during regular school working days – from Table B	16746.80	9901.89	26648.69
2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0	0	0
3	Total (1+2)	16746.80	9901.89	26648.69

4	Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions	799.46	532.97	1332.43
4.1	Provision of Supplementary nutrition - Millet Soup (Ragi Jaava) to all enrolled students for 101 days	799.46	532.97	1332.43

F. Total Allotment of Funds for 2024-25

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
Recurring	Normal	16746.80	9901.89	26648.69
	Drought	0	0	0
Non- recurring		0	0	0
Grand Total		16746.80	9901.89	26648.69



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