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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 Uttar Pradesh under PM POSHAN for 2024-25.

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board (PAB) – Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM-POSHAN) was held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 27.03.2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Government of India, to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2024-25 in respect of State of Uttar Pradesh.

2. The minutes of the above PAB meeting have been approved by the Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy and the same are enclosed for information and necessary action.

Encl. As above.


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10. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
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Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 of PM POSHAN Scheme for the State of Uttar Pradesh.

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

The agenda before the PAB-PM POSHAN was:

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

2. Shri Anandrao V. Patil, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L, Government of India, welcomed the Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of 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 Right 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 and provision of micronutrients and deworming medicine, Social Audit of the scheme as per scheme guidelines, daily data entry of 100% schools on Automated Monitoring System(AMS), setting up of School Nutrition Gardens (SNG) for ensuring Micronutrients in the 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 Director (Education), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh to brief the PAB about implementation of the scheme in the State. Director (Education), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh made a presentation on the performance of Scheme in the State during 2023-24 and proposals under Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25.

Subsequently, from Govt. of India side, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L made a presentation on analysis of implementation of the scheme in the State of Uttar Pradesh 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 31.12.2023)

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	1,13,96,461	83,28,357	72,35,361	63%	87%
U. Primary	60,15,071	37,60,214	35,52,954	59%	94%
Total	1,74,11,532	1,20,88,571	1,07,88,315	62%	89%

PAB observed that there is a reduction of 28,69,670 students (16.5%) in enrolment from 2022-23 to 2023-24. However, the reduction in coverage is 8,46,866 students (7.8%) from 2022-23 to 2023-24. Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB, advised the State to review the above reduction and submit a report by 30th April, 2024.

Further, PAB observed that the State Government has covered 63% of the enrolled students at Primary and 59% at Upper Primary level which is less than the national coverage. It was advised that the State may strive further to improve the coverage against enrolment.

District wise low coverage of students at Primary level against enrolment (01.04.2023 to 31.12.2023)

Sl. No.	Districts	Enrolment	Coverage	% Coverage against enrolment
1	Kaas Ganj	121425	64226	53%
2	Kanpur Dehat	103378	56101	54%
3	Shrawasti	122877	67841	55%
4	Gorakhpur	234849	133729	57%
5	Banda	144847	82644	57%
6	Raibareilly	200672	115063	57%

District wise low coverage of students at Upper Primary level against enrolment (01.04.2023 to 31.12.2023)

Sl. No.	Districts	Enrolment	Coverage	% Coverage against enrolment
1	Bulandshahar	112003	47321	42%
2	Sambhal	65635	31462	48%
3	Hathras	50700	24405	48%
4	Kaas Ganj	52923	25596	48%
5	Muzaffarnagar	58966	28719	49%
6	Balrampur	79692	39020	49%

Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB observed that the coverage of students was less than the State average in the above districts at Primary and Upper Primary level. He suggested that State Government may take special measures to increase the coverage in these districts and an action taken report may be submitted by 31st April, 2024. Director (PM POSHAN), Government of Uttar Pradesh assured to take necessary action in this regard.

4.2 School Working Days:

PAB has approved 248 days to be covered during the FY 2023-24. State reported coverage of 145 (97%) working days against the approved 150 days up to 31st December, 2023.

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

4.3 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 Uttar Pradesh 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 to the Single Nodal Agency (SNA). Further, PAB advised the State Government to ensure the following:

- 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 has reported utilization of 77% of the allocated funds under MME component during the period 1st April to 31st December, 2023-24.

Comments of PAB: PAB emphasized on the importance of monitoring and awareness generation for better implementation of the scheme and advised the State to ensure 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.

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

PAB-PM POSHAN has approved 3,74,858 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during 2023-24, State Government has engaged 3,72,292 Cook-cum-Helpers. Thus, State Government has not engaged 2,566 Cook-cum-Helper against the PAB approval. State is providing an additional amount of Rs 1000 per CCH per month and 2 Sarees for female cooks and 2 Shirt-Pant for male cook from its own resources. It was informed that State Government has made timely payment of honorarium to all the Cook-cum-Helpers through their bank accounts. Further, the State has proposed to engage 3,72,292 Cook-cum-Helpers for 2024-25.

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

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

Central Assistance of Rs.75000.66 lakh was released for construction of 1,22,572 Kitchen-cum-Stores during 2006-07 to 2009-10 out of which Rs.7725.15 lakh corresponding to the 9,469 Kitchen-cum-Stores surrendered to Govt. of India. As on 31.12.2023, construction has been completed for 1,13,103 (100%) Kitchen-cum-Stores.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of the State for constructing all the sanctioned Kitchen-cum-Stores in the schools.

4.7 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):

Central Assistance of Rs.9143.75 lakh was released towards procurement of 1,82,875 units of kitchen Device during 2006-07 to 2015-16. The State has reported that 1,81,717 units of Kitchen Devices have been procured. Central Assistance of

Rs.7220.15 lakh was further released towards replacement of 1,44,403 units of Kitchen Device during 2012-13 to 2015-16. The State has reported that 1,44,066 units of sanctioned Kitchen Devices have been replaced.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed concern over the issue as 1,495 units are long pending to be procured. PAB advised the State Government to procure all the sanctioned Kitchen Devices by providing additional funds from its own resources. Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB advised the State of Uttar Pradesh 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. Director (PM POSHAN), Government of Uttar Pradesh assured to take necessary action in this regard.

4.8 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:

State Government has developed School Nutrition Gardens in only 40,894 (29%) schools out of 1,41,834 schools. It was informed that the setting up of School Nutrition Gardens in 12,479 schools is in progress.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB observed that in some district viz. Chitrakoot (5%), Azamgarh, Hapur & Ballia (9%), Ghazipur (10%), Siddharthnagar (11%), Sultanpur (12%) and Etah (14%) less than 15% schools have SNGs. PAB advised the State to make concerted efforts for development of School Nutrition Gardens in all schools in this financial year.

As per norms Rs. 5000/- per school may be used for development and maintenance of School Nutrition Gardens under flexi funds component. School Nutrition Gardens may also be developed in convergence with local Krishi Vigyan Kendra of Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department etc. The funds available under MNREGA of Department of Rural Development for certain eligible components may also be utilized in convergence with them.

4.9 Community Participation –Tithi Bhojan or similar practices:

The concept of Tithi Bhojan has been adopted by the State Government under which, members from general public provide nutritious meals or fruits to students on special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries or festivals etc.

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

4.10 Supplementary nutrition items:

State Government has made the provision of additional nutrition by providing seasonal fruit once a week to each student of 1st to 8th standard studying in Government and Aided schools.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of State Government.

4.11 Testing of meals:

State Government reported that 623 samples collected and 574 tested out of which 427 samples were meeting the norms and 32 samples were not meeting the norms and report of 115 samples are yet to be received.

Comments of PAB: PAB advised the State Government to carry out the testing of the samples of meals to check quality and nutritional contents etc. through NABL / FSSAI accredited laboratories across the State as envisaged in the Scheme guidelines and the reports may also be shared. Expenditure on testing of meals may be met from MME component.

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

State Govt. informed that training has been imparted to all the engaged 3,72,292 Cook-cum-Helpers with the help of 1,03,653 Master Trainers during the year. Further, State informed that cooking competitions have been organized in 64 districts at various levels for promoting variety nutritious menu and cash prize of Rs. 3500 for 1st winner, Rs.2500/- for 2nd winner and Rs. 1500/- for 3rd winner were awarded to 3 winners per districts.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of the State for organization of cooking competitions and carried out training programmes for all the Cook-cum-Helpers. MME funds may be utilised for this purpose.

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 98% and monthly data entry for 87% schools in the MIS portal.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the steps taken by the State Government and advised the State Government to complete 100% data entry every month. PAB also advised the State Government to ensure that officials at various levels are sensitized about significance of correct data entry and quality check of the data entered in 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 1,41,834 schools, on an average basis daily data has been reported by 1,28,999 schools (91%) on Automated Monitoring System.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB appreciated the efforts of State for reporting 91% 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:

State Government has engaged 121 NGOs to serve Hot Cooked Meal through centralized kitchens in 25 districts covering 7,535 schools and 10,87,441 students.

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

4.16 Social Audit:

Social Audit has been conducted in 1575 schools in all the 75 districts against the 2885 schools by 7 reputed institutions vis-a-vis

- i. Siddhartha Vishwavidyalaya, Siddharth Nagar,
- ii. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Vishwavidyalaya, Agra,
- iii. Lucknow Vishwavidyalaya, Lucknow,
- iv. Bundelkhand Vishwavidyalaya, Jhansi,
- v. Aligarh Muslim Vishwavidyalaya, Aligarh,
- vi. Govind Vallabh Pant Samajik Vigyan Sansthan, Prayagraj and
- vii. Giri Vikas Adhyayan Sansthan, Lucknow.

Comments of PAB: PAB appreciated the efforts of State Government and advised to conduct **Social Audit as per the scheme guidelines i.e. at least 20 schools or 2% 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 for per meal per student in Primary and 150 gram food grains, 30 gram pulses, 75 gram vegetables and 7.5 gram oils to be used per student per meal in Upper Primary. Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB advised the State to ensure that the menu is devised in such a manner that variety food items may be prepared to increase the interest of students in the school meals while adhering to the quantities as prescribed under the guidelines. Director, Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh assured to take necessary action for revision of menu and pulses & vegetables would be appropriately added 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 those 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-ups have been carried out for 64% of the enrolled students only. However, IFA and Deworming tablets/medicines were given to 100% of enrolled students.

Comments of PAB: PAB expressed deep concern over health check-up not being conducted for 63.27 lakh i.e. 36% of the enrolled students and advised State Government to ensure coverage of 100% students for health check-ups. 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 – Aadhaar enrolment:

State Government has informed that 167.33 lakh (96%) students have Aadhaar and 6.78 lakh (4%) students have applied for Aadhaar.

Comments of PAB: Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB appreciated the efforts made by State Government and advised to make it 100%. State was asked 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, 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. States & UTs may collect Aadhaar data with the consent of parents.

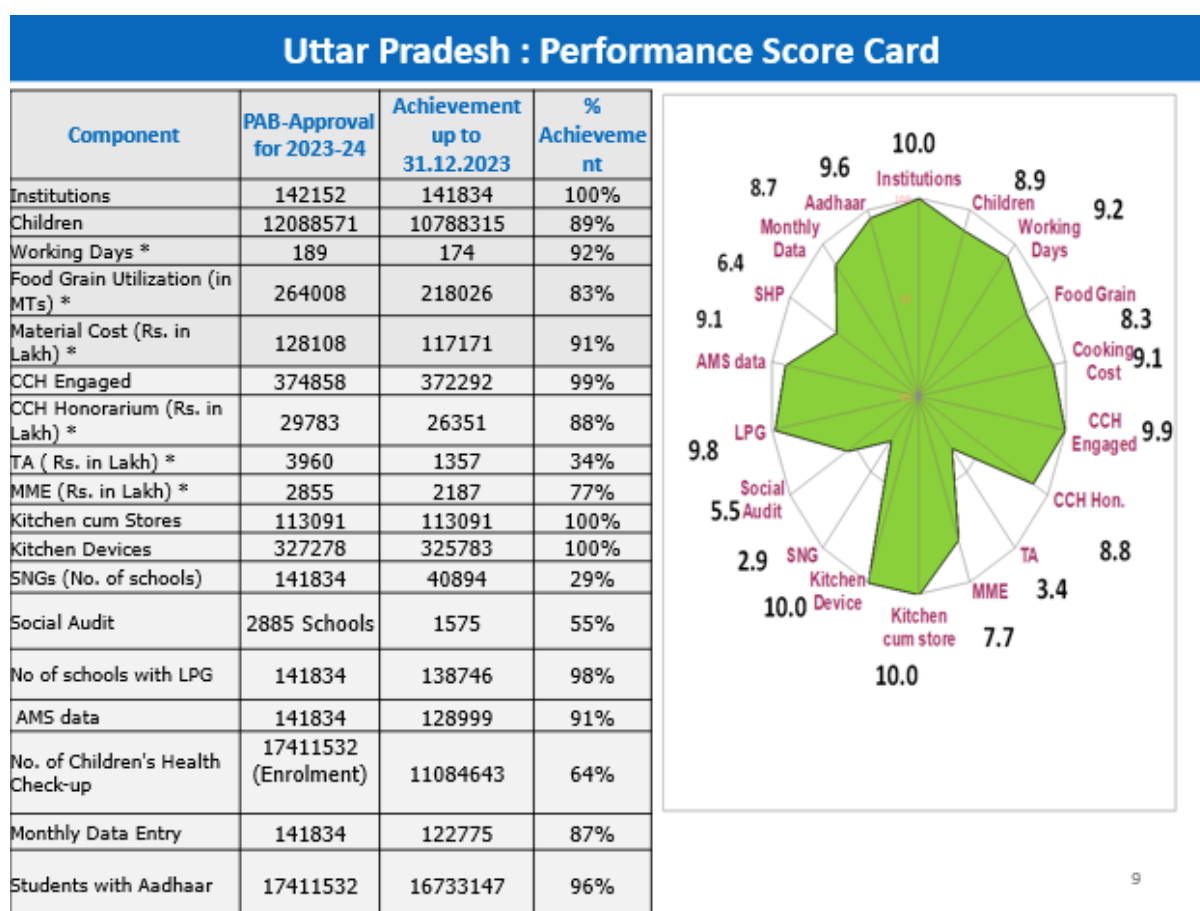
4.22 Other proposals and issues:

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

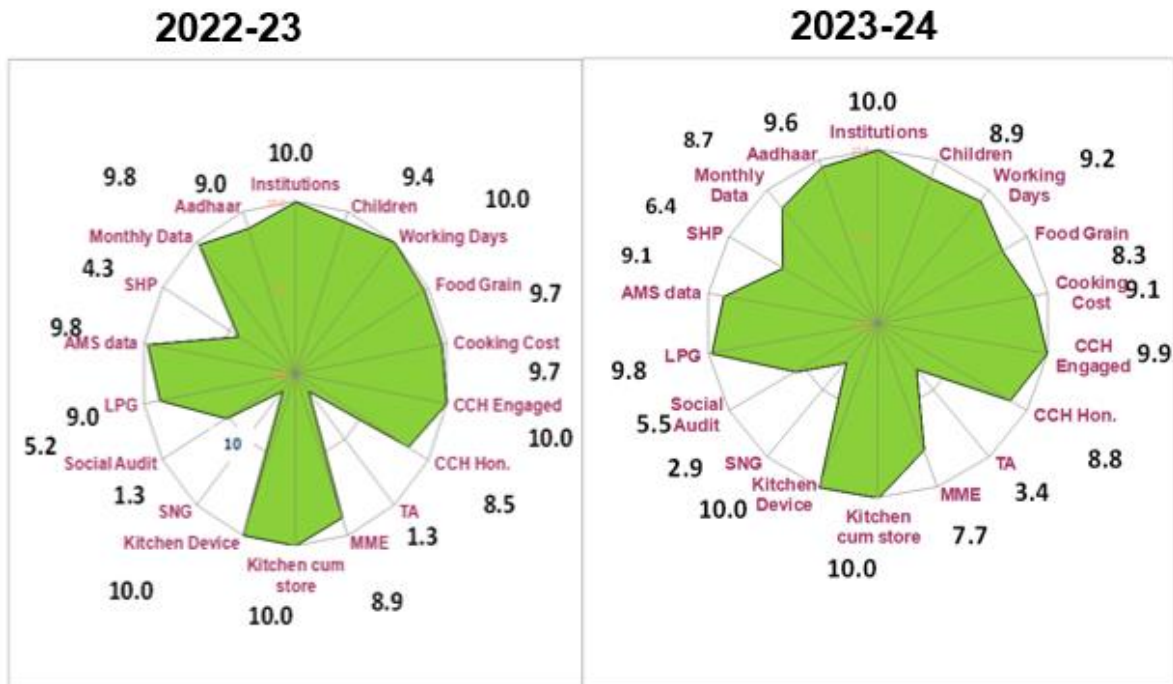
Comments of PAB: The request was noted and State of Uttar Pradesh was asked to submit specific proposals.

4.22 Overall analysis of the performance

The overall analysis of the performance of scheme during 1st April, 2023 to 31st December, 2023 was presented to PAB through score card. The score card based on performance of the indicators of the scheme is as under:



Uttar Pradesh : Year wise Performance Score Card



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Secretary, DoSE&L -cum- Chairman of PAB advised the State Government to take corrective measures on the poorly performing indicators viz. health check-up of students, development of school nutrition gardens, Utilization of TA funds, etc. for improving the performance of 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 reviewing the performance of districts. 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 72,35,361 students in Primary Classes and 35,52,954 students in Upper Primary Classes. Total proposal submitted for 1,07,88,315 students to be covered under the scheme during 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After detailed discussions, PAB approved the proposals of State Government to cover 72,35,361 students in Primary Classes and 35,52,954 students in Upper Primary Classes. PAB approval was given for 1,07,88,315 students to be covered during FY 2024-25. However, PAB advised to State of Uttar Pradesh 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 hot cooked meals on 246 days in Primary and Upper Primary Classes during 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: After discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to serve meals under PM POSHAN on 246 days in Primary and Upper Primary Classes during 2024-25.

5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)

State Government has proposed to engage 3,72,292 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under PM POSHAN during 2024-25.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State to engage 3,72,292 Cook-cum-Helpers at Primary and Upper Primary levels under PM POSHAN 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 (New & Replacement)

Kitchen Devices (New): State Government submitted proposal for procurement of kitchen devices in 28 newly opened schools during 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 3.35 lakh comprising of Rs.2.01 lakh as Central share and Rs 1.34 lakh as corresponding State share.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government for procurement of kitchen devices in 28 newly opened schools with an outlay of Rs.3.35 lakh which comprising of Rs.2.01 lakh as Central share and Rs.1.34 lakh as corresponding State share, subject to submission of detailed proposal by the State along with name and UDISE+ codes of the concerned schools.

Kitchen Devices (Replacement): State Government submitted proposal for replacement of 590 units of kitchen devices during 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 97.40 lakh comprising of Rs.58.44 lakh as Central share and Rs.38.96 lakh as corresponding State share.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government for the replacement of 590 units of kitchen devices during 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs 97.40 lakh comprising of Rs.58.44 lakh as Central share and Rs.38.96 lakh as corresponding State share, subject to submission of detailed proposal by the State along with name and UDISE+ codes of the concerned schools

5.7 Flexibility for Innovative interventions

For School Nutrition Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, State Government may use a maximum of Rs. 11110.49 lakh (5% of total recurring Central Assistance and minimum mandatory State Share). This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State Government (recurring Central Assistance + State Share).

5.7.1 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens

State Government has proposed to develop and maintain 20,727 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens at an estimated outlay of Rs. 1036.35 lakh comprising of Central share of Rs. 621.81 lakh and State share of Rs. 414.54 lakh.

Approval of PAB: Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of State Government to develop 20,727 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens at an estimated outlay of Rs. 1036.35 lakh comprising of Central share of Rs. 621.81 lakh and State share of Rs. 414.54 lakh. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the State (recurring Central Assistance + State Share). Further, The State was advised to develop School Nutrition Gardens in all the remaining schools through convergence with line Departments.

5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition

No proposal has been submitted by the State.

5.8 Social Audit:

State has proposed to carry out Social Audit as per the Scheme guidelines in all the districts in at least 20 schools or 2% schools, whichever is higher in each district.

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 FY 2024-25

6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB-PM POSHAN Approvals (Physical) for 2024-25
1	Schools	
1.1	Primary	87,656
1.2	Upper Primary	54,178
2	Students	
2.1	Primary	72,35,361
2.2	Upper Primary	35,52,954
3	Working Days	
3.1	Primary	246
3.2	Upper Primary	246
4	Cook-cum-Helpers	
4.1	Primary	2,47,393
4.2	Upper Primary	1,24,899
5	Non-Recurring	
5.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
5.2	Repair of kitchen-cum-stores	0
5.3	Kitchen Devices (New)	28
5.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	590

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 (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in all schools)	In 20,727 schools and in remaining schools through convergence with line Departments
1.2	Supplementary Nutrition over and above existing provisions (including additional items already being provided by State)	State has not submitted the proposal.

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

7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

(Rs in Lakh)

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory State Share	Total (Central + State)
1	Recurring -Serving of meals during regular school working days			
1.1	Material cost	101030.00	67382.46	168412.46
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	22337.52	14891.68	37229.20
1.3	Cost of foodgrains – 309093.88 MTs (207092.90 MTs Rice and 102000.98 MTs Wheat).	8252.81	0.00	8252.81
1.4	Transportation assistance	2318.20	0.00	2318.20
1.5	MME	3616.35	0.00	3616.35
	Total	137554.88	82274.14	219829.02
2.	Serving of meals in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Recurring	137554.88	82274.14	219829.02
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	0.00	0.00
3.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (new)	2.01	1.34	3.35
3.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	58.44	38.96	97.40
	Total Non-Recurring	60.45	40.30	100.75
	Grand Total (Recurring + Non Recurring)	137615.33	82314.44	219929.77

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	621.81	414.54	1036.35
1.2	Provision of Supplementary nutrition.	State has not submitted the proposal.		

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

8. The quantification of Central Assistance of **Rs. 137615.33 lakh & 309093.88 MTs** food-grains and minimum mandatory State share of **Rs.82314.44 lakh** has been done as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals for the year 2024-25. The detailed component-wise quantification for 2024-25 is at **Appendix-I**. The minimum mandatory State share has been calculated based on the existing norms and sharing pattern. However, State may add additional funds from their own resources.
9. It is pertinent to note that the Govt of India bears entire cost of food grains i.e. Rs. 108709.86 lakh for the State of Uttar Pradesh @ Rs 39.18 per kg for rice and Rs 27.03 per kg for wheat for 2024-25, of which Rs. 100457.06 lakh is as subsidy borne through Department of Food & Public distribution under the National Food Security Act, 2013.
10. It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of food grains during 2024-25 under the PM POSHAN Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, Rules, Guidelines and Instructions issued under the PM POSHAN Scheme from time to time, provides 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 foodgrains. Similarly, if the Central Government observes less coverage than the approvals, the actual releases may be restricted to actual coverage.

11. State shall ensure uninterrupted supply of hot cooked meals to all eligible students on all school days as per the provisions in para 2.2 (v) of PM POSHAN Guidelines even in case of delay of release of funds, food-grains supply constraints or for any other reasons.
12. **The State is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the State and districts so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every eligible student must be served hot cooked meal or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-PM POSHAN.**
13. 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-1**State UTTAR PRADESH: 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	Primary (@ 100 gms per student per school day)	72,35,361	246	119253.22	58736.66	177989.88
2	U. Primary (@150 gms per student per school day)	35,52,954	246	87839.68	43264.32	131104.00
Grand Total		1,07,88,315		207092.90	102000.98	309093.88

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

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Primary		
1	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per student per day	
1.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.27 per student per day	58202.69
1.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs 2.18 per student per day	38801.79
2	Honorarium for Cook-Cum-Helper	
2.1	Central Share – @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	14843.58

2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	9895.72
3	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and @ Rs. 2000 per MT for wheat	4752.33
4	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 750 Per MT food grains	1334.92
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i. Material cost ii. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers iii. Cost of food grains and iv. Cost of transportation	2136.61
Total Central Share for Primary		81270.13
Upper Primary		
6	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per student per day	
6.1	Central share @ Rs. 4.90 per student per day	42827.31
6.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 3.27 per student per day	28580.67
7	Honorarium for Cook-cum-Helpers	
7.1	Central Share - @ Rs 600 for 10 months)	7493.94
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share- @ Rs 400 for 10 months)	4995.96
8	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice and @ Rs. 2000 per MT for wheat	3500.48
9	Transportation cost @ Rs. 750 Per MT food grains	983.28
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i. Material cost ii. Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers iii. Cost of food grains and iv. Cost of transportation	1479.74
Total Central Share for Upper Primary		56284.75
Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary)		137554.88

C. Drought : Nil

D. Non-recurring :

Sl. No.	Component	Amount admissible (Rs in Lakh)
1	Kitchen-cum-store	0.00
2	Repair of kitchen-cum-store (0)	0.00
3	Kitchen Devices (New) (28)	2.01
4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement) (590)	58.44
Total Central Share (Non-recurring)		60.45

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	137554.88	82274.14	219829.02
2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Total (1+2)	137554.88	82274.14	219829.02
4	Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions (5% of 3 above)	6666.29	4444.20	11110.49
4.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens in 20,727 schools	621.81	414.54	1036.35
4.2	Provision of Supplementary nutrition. State has not submitted the proposal.	0.00	0.00	0.00

F. Total Requirement of Funds for 2024-25

(Rs. in lakh)

Component		Centre Share	Minimum Mandatory State share	Total
Recurring	Normal	137554.88	82274.14	219829.02
	Drought	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non- recurring		60.45	40.30	100.75
Grand Total		137615.33	82314.44	219929.77



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