

**Brief Note on Mid Day Meal Scheme  
(Tamil Nadu)  
(As on 06-02-2020)**

**1. Approved outlay:** Programme Approval Board – Mid Day Meal Scheme (PAB-MDM) has approved the State's Annual Work Plan & Budget 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs. 45624.85 lakh.

**2. Central Assistance allocated and Released under MDMS to Tamil Nadu**

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Funds Allocated	Released*	% Release
2014-15	65073.94	63991.1	98%
2015-16	46837.68	44253.83	94%
2016-17	43226.60	42846.05	99%
2017-18	44417.06	42506.34	96%
2018-19	44233.23	42054.58	95%
2019-20	45624.85	42572.70	93%

\*After adjusting the unspent balance of Rs 2373.27 lakh of previous year.

**3. Coverage of Children against enrolment year wise:**

Year	Enrolment			Coverage			% Coverage		
	Pry	U.pry	Total	Pry	U.pry	Total	Pry	U.pry	Total
<b>2015-16</b>	3185531	2479513	5665044	2695909	2114033	4809942	85%	85%	85%
<b>2016-17</b>	3018654	2363259	5381913	2618063	2071378	4689441	87%	88%	87%
<b>2017-18</b>	2918479	2306066	5224545	2528269	2021173	4549442	87%	88%	87%
<b>2018-19</b>	2799310	2211473	5010783	2424754	1937971	4362725	87%	88%	87%
<b>2019-20*</b>	2799310	2211473	5010783	2424873	1938021	4362894	87%	88%	87%

\*upto 30th September, 2019.

**4. Challenges in implementation of MDMS in Tamil Nadu**

- i. Very low utilization of funds under Transportation Assistance (52%)

**5. Best Practices being followed in the State for effective implementation of the scheme:-**

- i. Eggs/ banana are served on all 5 days.
- ii. Millets are introduced to children in Ariyalur and Perambalur districts.

- iii. State provides a scale of Rs.7700-24200 to organizer, scale of Rs.4100-12500 to cooks and Rs.3000-9000to Cook assistant.
- iv. All Noon Meal Centers have been provided with 3 posters in 3 different themes.
- v. Hand manuals issued to the Noon Meal Workers regarding cooking, serving, personal hygiene.
- vi. Short film creating awareness regarding the benefit of MDM has been produced.
- vii. School Nutrition Gardens have been setup in co-ordination with the Horticulture Department.
- viii. The Noon Meal Employees (Noon Meal Organizer, Cook and Cook Assistant) under New Health Insurance Scheme are provided health care assistance up to the limit of Rs.4.00 lakh in a block of 4 years.

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