

Brief Note on PM (POSHAN)

(UT of A&N Islands)

(As on 12.11.2021)

1. **Approved outlay for 2021-22** is Rs. 564.83 Lakh (Central Share including for summer vacations as one time measure due to Covid -19 pandemic). The Central Govt. has already released Ad-hoc Recurring Central Assistance of Rs. 112.16 lakhs on 27-05-2021.
2. **Releases and expenditure under PM (POSHAN)**

Year	Funds Allocated/ Released	Expenditure/Release	% Expenditure
2015-16	414.38	281.46	68
2016-17	418.29	415.17	99
2017-18	396.36	388.65	99
2018-19	375.19	395.06	105
2019-20	401.41	392.82	98
2020-21	648.71	648.71	100
2021-22	564.83	112.16 (Ad-hoc)	20

3.A&N Island Coverage of Children against Enrolment year wise

Year	Enrolment			Coverage			% Coverage		
	Pry	Upry	Total	Pry	Upry	Total	Pry	Upry	Total
2015-16	20691	14187	34878	14864	9815	24679	72	69	71
2016-17	19756	13654	33410	15336	10382	25718	78	76	77
2017-18	19072	13265	32337	13758	9310	23068	72	70	71
2018-19	19072	13265	32337	13200	9123	22323	69	69	69
2019-20	18121	12994	31115	14936	10736	25672	82	83	83
2020-21	17821	12704	30525	15177	11671	26848	85	90	86

4. Challenges in implementation of PM (POSHAN) in UT of A& N Islands

- 1) The UT of A&N islands has submitted the proposal for release of balance of 1st Instalment but IFD has made observations on the proposal and therefore information is being sought from the UT Administration and the same is awaited .
- 2) Out of 332 schools, Kitchen-cum-Stores are constructed in 171 schools (68%) only.
- 3) 161 schools are without Kitchen-cum-Stores in the UT.
- 4) Since 2008-09 upto 2019-20, Six times approval for construction of Kitchen –cum-Stores have been given and funds have been released accordingly but for five times, UT did not withdraw funds on time, with the result funds lapsed and then they request for Revalidation / Fresh Allotment.
- 5) Rs. 630.39 Lakh was approved for construction of 80 Kitchen-cum-Stores in 2019-2020 and Rs.362.03 Lakh was released on 21st Jan 2020. Since Jan 2020 uptill July 2021, UT has not withdrawn funds and now, they have reported that funds have lapsed.
- 6) Social Audit under PM (POSHAN) is yet to be initiated.
- 7) Testing of food samples have never been done in the UT.

5. Best Practices being followed in the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for effective implementation of the scheme:-

- 1) UT Administration is making additional contribution of Rs. 6 per child per day in cooking cost in both Primary & Upper Primary levels.
- 2) UT is providing boiled egg thrice a week & banana twice a week to children of Pre-Primary upto Upper-Primary as supplementary nutrition from UT's own resources.
- 3) FIFO method is adopted for using MDM ingredients.
- 4) In the UT, it is mandatory for all Cook-cum-Helpers to wear headgears, aprons, hand gloves and to get themselves medically examined on monthly basis.
