

Brief Note on PM (POSHAN)
(UT of Lakshadweep)
(As on 12.11.2021)

1. Approved outlay for 2021-22 is Rs. 139.67 Lakh (Central Share including for summer vacations as one time measure due to Covid -19 pandemic). The UT of Lakshadweep was granted permission to utilize the Unspent Balance from the previous year amounting to Rs.27.08 Lakh against the Ad-hoc Recurring Central Assistance for the year 2021-22.

2. Releases and expenditure under PM (POSHAN)

Year	Funds Allocated/ Released	Expenditure/Release	% Expenditure
2015-16	129.43	127.04	98.15
2016-17	129.94	102.82	79.12
2017-18	120.18	118.41	98.52
2018-19	121.99	124.63	102.12
2019-20	98.60	98.93	100
2020-21	149.37	149.37	100
2021--22	139.67	27.08 (Adhoc)	19

3. Coverage of Children against enrollment year wise in UT of Lakshadweep

Year	Enrollment			Coverage			% Coverage		
	Pry	Upry	Total	Pry	Upry	Total	Pry	Upry	Total
2015-16	4272	3084	7356	4255	2992	7247	100	97	99
2016-17	4033	2962	6995	3867	2826	6693	96	95	96
2017-18	4134	2823	6957	4070	2738	6811	99	97	98
2018-19	4134	2823	6957	4073	2738	6811	99	97	98
2019-20	4961	2329	7290	4664	2179	6843	94	94	94
2020-21	5105	2362	7467	5105	2362	7467	100	100	100

4. Challenges in implementation of PM (POSHAN) in UT of Lakshadweep

- 1) There is a delay of 2 to 4 months in fund transfer from UT HQ upto schools in the Islands.
- 2) The UT of Lakshadweep 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
- 3) Testing of food samples have never been done in the UT.
- 4) Social Audit under PM (POSHAN) is yet to be initiated.
- 5) Only 27% children were screened under Health check up programme and 12% children distributed IFA tablets during 2020-21.

5. Best Practices being followed in the UT of Lakshadweep for effective implementation of the scheme:-

- 1) Meals under PM (POSHAN) is served to all children of Pre-Primary & Class IXth to XIIth from UT's own resources.
- 2) Additional contribution in cooking cost of Rs.16.52 in Primary & Rs. 11.70 in Upper Primary - over & above the Central Assistance.
- 3) Every day either egg , Chicken, Fish or Mutton is served and fruits /milk/any other items are served thrice a week from UT resources.
- 4) Payment of additional Honorarium of Rs. 8500 to cook-cum-helpers from UT's own resources over & above Central Assistance.
- 5) All cook cum helper under PM (POSHAN) are receiving honorarium through their respective bank accounts only.
- 6) Health checkup of all cook cum helper is mandatory for getting license from FSSAI to work in PM (POSHAN) Kitchens
