

Brief Note on Mid Day Meal Scheme
(Chandigarh)

1. **Approved outlay** by the Programme Approval Board for Mid Day Meal Scheme (PAB-MDM) for the year 2021-22 is Rs.1696.78 Lakhs (Central share). The Central Govt. has already released Ad-hoc Instalment for Distribution of Food Safety Allowances for Rs. 207.35 Lacs to UT Administration of Chandigarh.
2. **Releases and expenditure under MDMS to UT administration of Chandigarh**

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Year	Funds Allocated/ Released	Expenditure / Release	% Expenditure
2016-17	729.19	558.43	77%
2017-18	674.47	937.08	139%
2018-19	885.99	939.50	106%
2019-20	727.45	1035.81	142%
2020-21	1012.20	1000.86	99%
2021-22	1696.78 #	207.35 \$	12%

(# Central Share)

(\$ Releases during 2021-22 including Additional Grant for Cooking Cost for Summer Vacation for Distribution of Food Safety Allowances.)

3. Coverage of children against enrollment (Year wise) :

Year	Enrolment			Coverage			% Coverage		
	Pry	Upry	Total	Pry	Upry	Total	Pry	Upry	Total
2016-17	55059	43455	98514	25708	15757	41465	47%	36%	42%
2017-18	52750	42584	95334	25330	16887	42217	48%	40%	44%
2018-19	51783	41979	93762	26386	17590	43976	51%	42%	47%
2019-20	51783	41979	93762	26386	17590	43976	51%	42%	47%
2020-21	49552	40970	90522	49552	40970	90522	100%	100%	100%

Sources : As per AWP&B – 2021-22

4. Challenges in implementation of MDMS in UT of Chandigarh.

- I. Social Audit not conducted during FY-2020-21,
- II. Testing of Food Sample not conducted during FY-2020-21,
- III. Less utilisation of Transport Assistance,
- IV. Less utilisation of MME.

6. Best Practices being followed in the UT of Chandigarh for effective implementation of the scheme:-

- I. UT provides Rs. 4.09 for Primary and Rs. 3.84 for Upper primary over and above the central assistance for cooking cost.
- II. UT provides Rs. 2300/- per month over and above the central assistance for Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers,
- III. UT provides additional funds for transporting hot cooked meal from Centralized Kitchen to School from UT resources.
- IV. 100% Children of UT of Chandigarh are having Aadhaar.
- V. In UT of Chandigarh, Centralized Kitchens are using 100% LPG as source of fuel.
- VI. 85% Schools have Water Filtration Facility through MPLAD Funds. All the Schools have Multi tap facility for hand washing.
- VII. Fortification of Rice & Wheat has been implemented from UT Funds.
- VIII. School Nutrition Gardens have been developed in cluster based Kitchens.
- IX. Kitchen waste is utilized for preparation of compost.
