Brief Note on Mid Day Meal Scheme (Uttarakhand)

 Approved outlay by Programme Approval Board for Mid Day Meal Scheme (PAB-MDM) for the Year 2021-22 is Rs.13958.65 Lakhs. The Central Government has already released Adhoc Instalment of Central Assistance (including Additional grants for Cooking Cost for Summer Vacation for distribution of Food Safety Allowances) for Rs. 2808.17 Lacs to the Government of Uttarakhand.

2. Releases and expenditure under MDMS to Uttarakhand

(Rs. in Lacs)

Year	Funds Allocated /	Expenditure/	%Expenditure	
	Released	Release		
2016-17	11201.74	10655.85 \$\$	95%	
2017-18	11026.92	10845.26	98%	
2018-19	11021.79	10947.90	99%	
2019-20	12214.82	10842.32	89%	
2020-21	12937.87	13350.48	103%	
2020-21	13958.65 #	2808.17 *	20%	

(# Central Share)

(* Released during FY – 2021-22 Including Additional grants for Cooking Cost for Summer Vacation for distribution of Food Safety Allowances.)

(\$\$ Releases during 2016-17 including Draught for Rs.1183.54 Lacs, Rs.2.40 Lacs for Kitchen Devices and revalidation of Unspent Balance of 2015-16 for Rs.2172.66 Lacs)

3. Coverage of children against enrolment :

Year	Enrolment		Coverage			% Coverage			
	Pry	U. Pry	Total	Pry	U. Pry	Total	Pry	U. Pry	Total
2016-17	456015	321036	777051	372141	265729	637870	82	83	82
2017-18	457871	311725	749596	365687	259866	625553	84	83	83
2018-19	418464	298446	716910	334750	233156	567906	80	78	79
2019-20	404890	284416	689306	328421	229322	557743	81	81	81
2020-21	398671	268913	667584	376910	245730	622640	95	91	93

Sources : As per AWP&B - 2021-22

4. Challenges in implementation of MDMS in Uttarakhand

- I. Delay of 1 months in release of funds from State to School.
- II. Opening and Closing Balance was Negative in Cost of Foodgrain.
- III. No Person available at Block level to implement and monitor the scheme at School level.
- IV. Only 1635 (10%) Schools are having School Nutrition Gardens (SNG).

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

- I. State Govt. provides Rs. 1000/- per month over and above the Minimum mandatory state share for Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers from State resources,
- II. State Govt. provides Annual incentive to Cook cum Helpers from State resources,
- III. State Govt. provides Uniform to Cook cum Helpers from State resources,
- IV. State Govt. provides Atirikt Poshan (Banana, Egg, Gur Papri) once in a week to all the children from State resources,
- V. Food sample testing conducted in 30 Schools of Udhham Singh Nagar.
- VI. Social Audit Conducted in 63 Schools of Two Districts i.e. Dehradun and Pithoragarh.
