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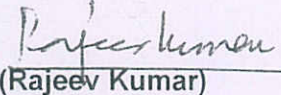
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A Regional Workshop for East Zone to review the performance of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme upto March, 2016 was held at Kolkata, West Bengal on 27th-28th May, 2016 for the States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal, Delhi, A & N Islands, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

2. A copy of the minutes of the above workshop is enclosed for information & necessary action.



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Minutes of the Regional Workshop held at Kolkata on 27th-28th May, 2016 to review the performance of Mid - Day Meal Scheme up to March 2016

The Regional Workshop to review the performance of the scheme was held at Kolkata, West Bengal on 27th-28th May 2016 with States/ UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal, Delhi, A & N Islands, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The workshop was chaired by Sh. J. Alam, Joint Secretary, MHRD, Government of India. The list of participants is enclosed at Annexure-I.

2. The agenda wise discussion during the workshop is mentioned below:

Agenda	Points of discussion
Overview of the Scheme, Issues and performance of the Scheme during 2015-16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of the States/ UTs was discussed in detail on different parameters of MDMS viz. delay in submission of QPR, coverage of children, utilization of - food grains, cooking cost, honorarium to CCH, transport assistance, MME fund etc. • States/ UTs were requested to submit the QPRs within the stipulated time. • States/ UTs should take corrective measures to improve the coverage of children. • Honorarium of CCHs should be paid regularly
Review on commitments of the States/UTs before PAB-MDM 2016-17 meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitments given by States/ UTs during PAB MDM meetings were discussed in detail and the current status about these commitments also enquired from the States/ UTs. • The major commitments were in the area of construction of kitchen-cum-stores, coverage of children in State/ Districts, increase in coverage of LPG connection, opening of bank account of CCHs, convergence with RBSK, universalization of hand washing facilities, timely completion of data entry into MDM MIS portal, introduction of automated monitoring system within stipulated time etc. • All the States/ UTs informed their progress till date for fulfillment of commitments within timeline as discussed during PAB MDM meetings.
Review of infrastructure facilities under Mid Day Meal Scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State/ UT wise availability of infrastructure facilities like kitchen-cum-stores, kitchen devices, LPG and hand washing facilities for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 were discussed in detail. • States viz. Assam, Manipur, Odisha and West Bengal were requested to complete the in progress/ yet to start kitchen cum stores within timeline. Other States/ UTs were also requested to complete the same within timeline. • States/ UTs were requested to increase the coverage of LPG in schools and provision of hand washing facilities as discussed during PAB MDM meetings.

<p>Review of the status of data entry into the MDM-MIS portal and preparedness of the States/UTs on rolling out of the Automated Monitoring System before the prescribed timeline.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the States/ UTs were requested to complete the data entry into the MDM-MIS portal within stipulated time. Detail discussion was made regarding comparison of data of MDM MIS portal and AWP & B 2016-17. For some States/ UTs, huge mismatch of data was found for few parameters States/ UTs were suggested to look into the data entered in MDM MIS portal and data provided through other sources. All the States/ UTs were requested to utilize the service of SSA data entry operators for MDM MIS portal data entry in case of shortage of DEOs under MDM. States/ UTs were apprised about the time lines for rolling out of the Automated Monitoring System. Progress made so far by States/ UTs for implementation of Automated Monitoring System. State wise status is given at <i>Annexure II</i>. Detail discussion on the XML formats provided by NIC and formats circulated to States/ UTs for collection of Master data at the earliest. Representative of NIC- West Bengal made detail presentation on proposed Automated Monitoring System and other technical requirements related to preparedness of the same.
<p>Channelizing MDM components through the DBT platform particularly release of honorarium to cooks in their bank accounts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detail discussions made with all States/ UTs for direct transfer of honorarium of CCH to their individual bank accounts. States/ UTs were requested to provide their views on this matter. State/ UT wise status of opening of bank accounts of CCH has also been discussed. States/ UTs were requested to open bank accounts of all the CCH as discussed during PAB MDM meetings. Representatives of States like Manipur, Mizoram etc. raised the problem of non-functioning of bank branches in remote rural areas.
<p>Preparedness on implementation of the MDM Rules, 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions were made on salient features of MDM Rules 2015. State/ UT specific status of Preparedness on implementation of the MDM Rules were discussed in details. Most of the States/ UTs informed that they have circulated the same to Districts/ Blocks/ Schools or other stakeholders of MDMS. All the States/ UTs were advised to strictly adhere to the provisions of MDM Rules, 2015. All States/ UTs were advised for testing of food samples through accredited or Govt. approved laboratories.
<p>Discussion on submission of proposal for release of balance of 1st installment</p>	<p>The States/ UTs which have not yet submitted the requisite information and proposal for release of balance of 1st installment were requested to submit the same to enable GoI to release the</p>

		fund on time.
Review on preparedness of States/UTs on Contingency / Medial Emergency Plan in case of any untoward incidents.		State/ UT wise status of Contingency / Medial Emergency discussed in detail. All the States/ UTs were requested to prepare Contingency / Medial Emergency Plan in case of any untoward incidents
Review of payment of cost of food grains to FCI; supply of food grains at NFSA rates.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State/ UT specific status of payment of cost of food grains to FCI has been discussed. All the States/ UTs were requested to clear all the pending bills within timeline. States/ UTs highlighted the issue of late communication of bill payment information by FCI regional offices to FCI headquarters. All States/ UTs were requested to conduct a meeting with their respective FCI offices to reconcile the bills and to sort out other issues at the earliest. States/ UTs were apprised about the revision of rates of food grains from Below Poverty Line (BPL) rates to National Food Security Act (NFSA) rates under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) for the year 2016-17 for the period 01.04.2016 to 30.09.2016.
Review on Monitoring Structure at various levels; meeting of DLC, SSMC etc.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State/ UT specific status of inspection, SSMC meetings, meeting of district level committees for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 have been discussed in detail. All the States/ UTs were requested to give special emphasis on inspection of schools along with regular meetings of SSMC and district level committees.
Sharing of new initiatives taken by States/UTs to improve implementation of Mid- Day Meal Scheme.		<p>Discussion were made on the new initiatives taken by States/UTs to improve implementation MDMS. Some of the initiatives are as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construction of dining halls by Tripura and West Bengal. 2. Procurement of plates and glasses by West Bengal 3. Setting up of corpus fund by Manipur and Meghalaya. 4. E transfer of honorarium of CCH by Odisha.
Review on pending ATN on complaints received from various stakeholders.		The status of pending ATN on complaints has been discussed with States/ UTs. West Bengal, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh were requested to submit the ATN at the earliest.

3. After discussion on the above mentioned topics, the following decisions have been taken during the Workshop.

- All the States/ UTs assured to take appropriate measures to fulfil the commitments made by them as per the timelines discussed during PAB MDM meetings of 2016-17.
- All the States/ UTs assured to complete the pending construction work of kitchen-cum-stores within the timeline as discussed during PAB MDM meetings of 2016-17.
- All the States/ UTs assured to pay special attention for correct and timely data entry into MDM MIS web portal.

- d) All the States/ UTs assured to strictly follow the timeline of implementation of Automated Monitoring System.
- e) All the States/ UTs assured to submit the Master data format for Automated Monitoring System to MHRD within one week.
- f) All the States/ UTs assured to submit the XML data format for Automated Monitoring System with NIC and MHRD at the earliest.
- g) All the States/ UTs will clear the entire pending bill to FCI, if any, within the stipulated time and reconcile the figures with FCI in case of any data discrepancy.

4. The participants were also taken to the State Government lab for testing of food samples where the reports from the lab gave detailed briefing and process flow of various tests for nutritional value and microbiological contamination etc. Participants appreciated the first hand experience being provided during the workshop.

The workshop concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.

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Annexure II**State wise status of implementation of Automated System Monitoring of MDMS**

S. No.	States / UTs	Current Status
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Verification of master data is under the process and will be sent to MHRD within one week
2	Assam	Tender documents are ready for selection of vendors. Verification of mobile numbers is under the process and master data will be sent to MHRD within one week.
3	Himachal Pradesh	State has selected SMS based system for collection of data. Details of 45000 teachers of 15000 schools have been provided to state NIC team. NIC has developed the software for the same and State NIC has written letter to MHRD for permission from TRAI for Out Bound Dialing (OBD). He further informed that Rs. 4.50 lacs will be total running expenditure on the SMS based system. He also mentioned that Software development fee of NIS for Rs. 22.00 Lac to be paid and Audit fee has already paid to NIC.
4	Manipur	Vendor has been selected. Verification of master data is under the process and will be send to MHRD within one week.
5	Meghalaya	Master data shared with the districts for validation. The data will be sent to MHRD within one week
6	Mizoram	Master data has already been prepared and the same will be shared with MHRD within one week
7	Nagaland	validation of master data is under process and it will be shared with MHRD within one week
8	Odisha	Validation of master data is under process. UDISE code of 4500 School is not matching and correction is under process. it will be shared with MHRD within one week
9	Sikkim	validation of master data is under process and it will be shared with MHRD within one week
10	Tripura	validation of master data is under process and it will be shared with MHRD within one week
11	West Bengal	Validation of master data is under process and it will be shared with MHRD within one week.
12	A & N Islands	Validation of master data is under process and it will be shared with MHRD within one week.
13	Chandigarh	UT has already shared the master data with Himachal Pradesh NIC through local NIC. UT will share the same with MHRD within one week.
14	D&N Haveli	Validation of master data is under process and it will be shared with MHRD within one week
15	Daman & Diu	UT has already shared the master data with Himachal Pradesh NIC. UT will share the same with MHRD within one week. UT NIC has contacted with HP NIC for software and they have also requested for 5 digit code for OBD.
16	Delhi	Officers of different implementing agencies need to meet NIC Delhi for making correction of school data entered in MDM MIS portal. After the correction of school data, master data will be sent to MHRD within one week.