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Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board – Mid Day Meal held on 26.2.2016.

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The meeting of Programme Approval Board Mid-Day Meal to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget **2016-17** in respect of State of **Mizoram** was held on **26.02.2016** at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (SE&L), Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development.

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


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MID-DAY MEAL SCHEME

Minutes of the Programme Approval Board for Mid-Day Meal (PAB-MDM) meeting held on 26th February, 2016 to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget-2016-17 of Mizoram.

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board (PAB) for Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme (MDMS) was held in New Delhi on 26th February, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Subhash Chandra Khuntia, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy (SE&L), Government of India. The agenda before the PAB-MDM were:

- a) To review the status and progress of the implementation of Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme for the State of Mizoram; and
- b) To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2016-17 proposal of Mizoram for MDM Scheme.

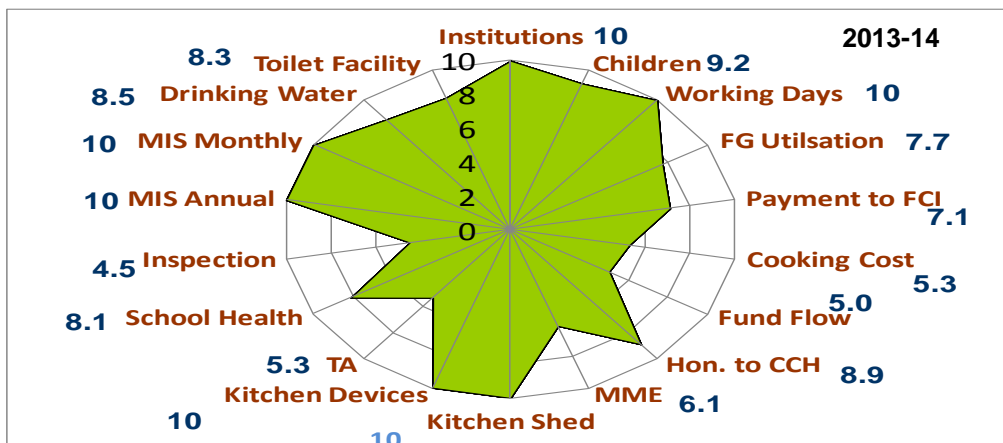
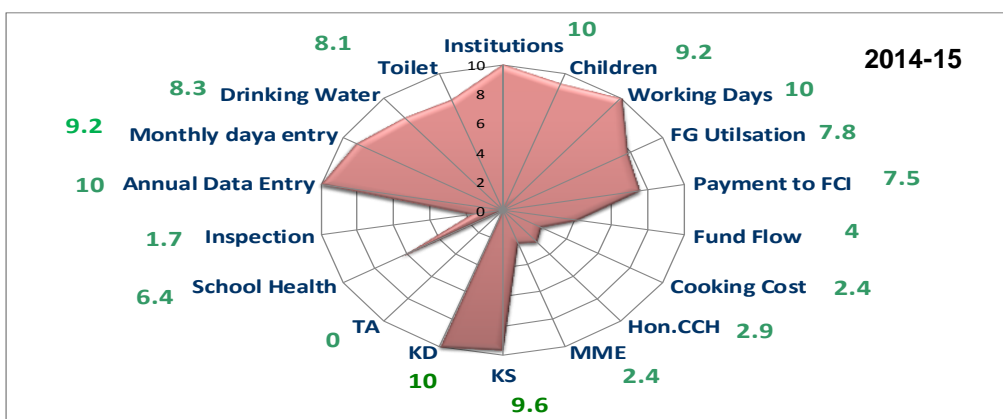
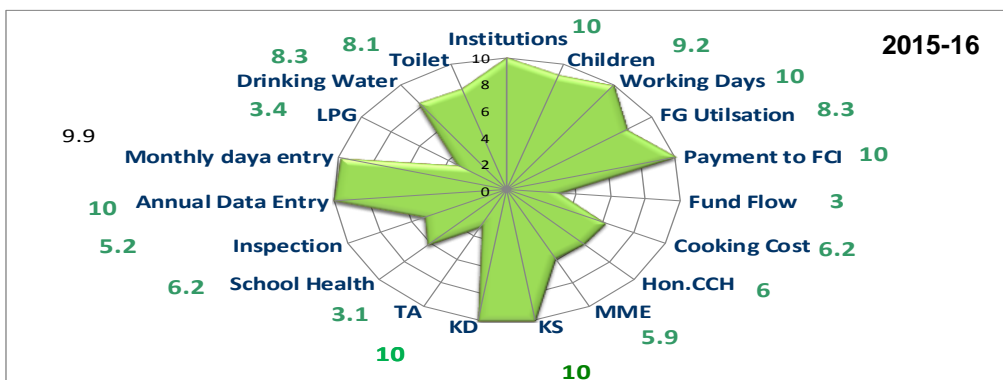
The list of participants of the meeting is at **Annexure-I**.

2. Secretary (SE&L), Government of India welcomed the members of PAB-MDM and other participants.
3. Shri P. Lalchhuanga, Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram made a presentation on the performance of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in the State and the initiatives taken by the State Government to improve its effectiveness during the first three quarters of 2015-16. He informed that the MDM Rules 2015 have been translated into Regional Language and distributed to the stakeholders. He added that Government Order has been issued for constituting SMCs to replace VECs in each and every school. He further informed that Department of School Education, Government of Mizoram had signed MoU with Doordarshan Kendra, Aizawl for broadcasting of activities and services provided by School Education Department between 6:00-6:30 pm every Thursday which also incorporates implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in the State.

Shri Gaya Prasad, Director (MDM), Department of SE&L, Government of India presented an analysis of the performance of the State in the implementation of Mid-Day Meal Scheme during the first three quarters of the year 2015-16 i.e. April to December, 2015.

4. Performance of the Scheme during last three years – score card

The radar charts given below are a summary of performance of State on important parameters under Mid Day Meal Scheme during last 3 years.



It is evident from the charts that the performance of the State has improved in terms of payment to FCI, utilization of cooking cost, payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers, utilization of MME funds & utilization of TA and inspection from 2014-15 to 2015-16. On the other hand, the performance has gone down on the parameters like fund flow and school health. Secretary (SE&L) requested the officials of the State Government to take corrective measures on the poorly performing indicators for improving the performance of the scheme.

5. Areas of Concern as per appraisal

- a) Huge mismatch in utilization of food grains (83% of allocation) and cooking cost (62% of allocation)
- b) Delay in release of funds to schools (4 months' delay)
- c) Less utilization of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers (60% of allocation)
- d) Low utilization of transport assistance (31% of allocation)
- e) Poor inspection of schools (only 52% schools, inspected till 3rd quarter)
- f) Monitoring Institute (MI) had reported about irregularity in supply of MDM in schools, irregularity in payment of cooking costs to schools, irregular payment to cook-cum-helpers, poor community participation in some of the visited schools and poor inspection of MDM by State, District and Block Level Officers.

6. Issues discussed in the meeting:

i) Coverage of pre-primary children under MDMS

Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram informed the PAB that the children of pre-primary classes in the primary schools are also being covered under MDMS in the State. He further added that the school authority has to serve MDM to these children on humanitarian ground as they are studying in the same school. Secretary (SE&L), Govt. of India opined that as per existing Guidelines of MDMS, children of pre-primary classes are not covered under MDMS. He also added that the State Government may cover the children of pre-primary classes from their own resources and without compromising the entitlements of children of primary/upper primary classes.

ii) Existence of Class V in the Upper Primary Schools

Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram informed the PAB that as per the existing system prevailing in the State, Class V exists in the upper primary schools. Although the students of Class V are receiving the MDM as per the primary norms. Secretary (SE&L), Govt. of India advised the State Government to restructure the existing system for keeping Class V in primary sections.

iii) Fund flow mechanism under MDMS

Secretary (SE&L) observed that there is a delay of nearly 4 months in reaching the funds to school level. He added that there is a serious problem of fund flow mechanism in the State and as a result of which School Authority may have faced problem for implementing the MDMS in schools in an uninterrupted manner. He advised the State Government to take corrective measures to overcome this problem and to ensure smooth flow of funds upto the school level. Joint Secretary (EE-I), Department of SE&L, Government of India further cited the example of Manipur State and suggested the State Government to make a system of pre-positioning of funds at the State Level to combat this problem. He further informed that as per MDM Rules 2015, in case of unavailability of MDM funds in the schools, any fund available in the school can be utilized for uninterrupted supply of MDM to the children which can be replenished after receiving MDM fund from the Government.

iv) Provision of LPG in the schools

Secretary (SE&L) observed that as per information provided by the State Government, only 34% of the existing institutions are covered through LPG under MDM. Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram informed the PAB that availability of LPG cylinders is a problem in the State. Secretary (SE&L) advised the State Government to take immediate corrective measures for providing LPG connections to rest of the schools.

v) Repair of Kitchen-cum-stores

Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram informed the PAB that many kitchen-cum-stores, which were sanctioned earlier, are presently now in dilapidated condition and require immediate repairing. Secretary (SE&L) opined that

as there is no provision of repairing of kitchen-cum-stores under MDMS, the State Government can do the repairing work by utilizing their own resources or through convergence or through community participation.

vi) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)

Director (GP), Department of SE&L, Govt. of India informed that coverage of children under RBSK is not satisfactory. Health check-up has been carried out only for 62% of the enrolled children and Vitamin A was distributed among 19.5% children only. He suggested the State Government for better convergence with Health Department for proper implementation of RBSK in schools.

vii) Qualitative Initiatives

a) Testing of food Samples by Accredited Labs

Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram informed that testing of selected food samples (materials) commonly used for preparation of Mid-Day Meal was conducted through RIPANS (Regional Institute of Paramedical and Nursing Sciences) an autonomous institute under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. He also highlighted the issue of non-availability of any NABL accredited laboratory in the State. Director (GP) stated that as per the guidelines food samples from the schools should be tested by accredited labs. Secretary (SE&L) advised the State Government to take appropriate measures for testing of food samples through food testing labs available in the State.

b) Training and awareness campaign

Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram informed that training and awareness Campaign on Food Safety and Food Poisoning were held in 4 districts out of 8 districts so far. The remaining four districts will be covered during 2016-17.

viii) Monitoring of the Scheme

a) Technological Intervention

Secretary (SE&L) emphasized upon the use of technology for monitoring and supervision purposes and raised his concern over the issue of mismatch in data for few components entered in MDM-MIS portal and manual data submitted through

AWP&B. Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram assured to look into the matter and take necessary corrective measures.

b) Social Audit of the Scheme

Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram informed that the State Government is planning to conduct social audit of the MDM scheme during the next financial year with the State Rural Development Department. Joint Secretary (EE-I) advised the State Government to follow the Social Audit Guidelines issued by Government of India for this purpose.

ix) Tasting of meals by parents

Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram informed that meals are tasted by the school authority and cooks before serving to the children. Joint Secretary (EE-I) informed that this Department has already issued instructions regarding presence of parents for supervision and tasting of the quality of the meals on a rotation basis.

x) Hand washing

Secretary (SE&L) advised the State officials to make efforts for universalizing the hand washing facilities in the schools. Secretary, Department of School Education, Govt. of Mizoram assured to take necessary actions in this regard.

7. PAB-MDM approvals for the year 2016-17

Director (GP) informed that the State has proposed to cover 1.07 lakh children in primary and 0.46 lakh children in upper primary. Secretary (SE&L) observed that average coverage in the State is 0.98 lakh in primary and 0.42 lakh in upper primary. After discussions with State officials and based on the achievement during 2015-16, the PAB-MDM approved the following number of children, number of school days etc. for quantifying the Central assistance for Mizoram:-

No	Details		State's Proposal for		PAB MDM approval for 2016-17	
1	No. of Children & Institutions					
1.1	Primary		No. of institutions	No. of Children	No. of institutions	No. of Children
1.1.1	Govt. + Govt. aided + LB schools		1485	107270	1485	98688
1.1.2	Special Training Centers (NCLP)		0	0	0	0
1.1.3	Madarsa/Maqtab		0	0	0	0
	TOTAL (1.1)		1485	107270	1485	98688
1.2	Upper Primary					
1.2.1	Govt. + Govt. aided + LB schools		1096	46038	1096	42355
1.2.2	Special Training Centers		0	0	0	
1.2.3	Madarsa/Maqtab		0	0	0	
	Total (1.2)		1096	46038	1096	42355
1.3	Drought					
1.3.1	Primary		0	0	0	0
1.3.2	Upper Primary		0	0	0	0
	Total (1.3)		0	0	0	0
	GRAND TOTAL (1.1 + 1.2 + 1.3)		2581	153308	2581	141043
2	No. of Working days					
2.1	Primary			215		215
2.2	Upper Primary			220		220
2.3	NCLP			0		0
2.4	Drought	Primary		0		0
		Upper Primary		0		0
3	No. of Cook-cum Helpers					
	Approved cook-cum-helpers for 2015-16		5166			
3.1	Primary			3061		3061
3.2	Upper Primary			2159		2159
	Total *			5220		5220
4.	Kitchen-cum-store		NIL		NIL	
5.	Kitchen Devices	New Schools	Nil		Nil	
		Replacement (Sanctioned during 2010-11)	1134		1134	

* PAB- MDM has approved 5166 cook-cum-helpers to be engaged during 2015-16 in the State, the State has engaged 5220 cook-cum-helpers up to 31.12.2015. Therefore, the State Govt. has engaged 54 more cook-cum-helpers than the PAB MDM approval for the FY 2015-16. During the year 2016-17, the State Govt. has proposed to engage 5220 cook-cum-helpers. Considering the fact of increase of enrolment, PAB MDM has approved engagement of 5220 cook-cum-helpers during 2016-17

8. Submission of proposals for additional requirement of funds for covering children over and above PAB-MDM approval for 2016-17

It was clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance during 2016-17 under the MDM Scheme. The MDMS provides that every child attending the eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served mid-day meal on all school days. In case the State Govt. finds that the average number of children availing mid-day meal and the working days are more than the approved numbers by PAB-MDM, they may approach the GOI at any time with justification for additional Central Assistance.

9. Dissemination of the approvals by State Government

The State is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the State and districts, so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every child attending the eligible school must be served hot cooked mid-day meals on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-MDM.

10. Admissible Allocation of resources

Total outlay of Rs. 2122.41 Lakh (Central Share) for Mizoram for Financial Year 2016-17 has been worked out on the basis of number of children and number of working days approved by the PAB-MDM. The Component- wise approval of funds for 2016-17 can be seen at Annexure-II.

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Annexure-II**State: Mizoram****QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2016-17****A. Food grains**

Sl. No.	Stage	No. of Children	No. of Working days	Quantity in MTs.
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	98688	215	2121.79
2	Up. Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	42355	220	1397.71
3	NCLP (@150 gms per child per school day)	0	0	0
4	Drought	0	0	0
4.1	Primary	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0
TOTAL		141043	--	3519.50

B. Cost of Foodgrains, Cooking cost, Transport Assistance, Hon. to cook-cum-helpers and Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME)

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible
		(Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
(I) Primary		
1	Cost of Food grains @ Rs. 5650/- per MT for 2121.79 MT rice	119.88
2	Unit Cooking Cost- Rs. 3.86 per day / per child for 98688 children for 215 days	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 3.47 per child/day	736.26
2.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs. 0.39 per day/per child	87.25
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 3970.00 Per MT food grains (2121.79 MTs x Rs.3970.00)	84.24
4	Honorarium for cook cum Helper	
4.1	Central Share - (3061 x Rs.900x 10 months)	275.49
4.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share - (3061 x Rs. 100 x 10 months)	30.61
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers v)	21.89
TOTAL - {1+2.1 +3+4.1+5}		1237.76
(II) Upper Primary		

6	Cost of Food grains @Rs. 5650/- per MT for 1397.71 MT rice	78.97
7	Unit Cooking Cost 5.78 per day / per child for 42355 children for 220 days	
7.1	Central share @ Rs.5.2 per child/day	484.54
7.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share @ Rs.0.58 per child/day	54.04
8	Transportation cost @ Rs. 3970.00 Per MT food grains (1397.71 MTs x Rs.3970)	55.49
9	Honorarium to cook cum Helper	
9.1	Central Share (2159 x Rs.900x 10 months)	194.31
9.2	Minimum Mandatory State Share (2159 x Rs. 100 x 10 months)	21.59
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 1.8% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Cooking cost iii) Cost of transportation and iv) Honorarium to cook – cum-helpers	14.64
	TOTAL – {6+7.1 +8+9.1+10}	827.95
	Grand Total Recurring Central Assistance (Primary + Upper Primary)	2065.71
(III) Non Recurring Central Assistance		
	Kitchen cum Stores - Nil	
	Kitchen Devices for New - Nil	0
	Kitchen Devices for replacement – 1134 units	56.7
	Total	56.7
	Grand total for recurring and Non-Recurring Central Assistance	2122.41

- C. Drought : NIL
D. Non-recurring : 56.7 Lakhs

E. Total Requirement of Funds for 2016-17

(Rs. in lakh)

Component	Centre	Minimum mandatory State share
Recurring	2065.71	188.99
Non- recurring	56.7	0
Total	2122.41	188.99