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Mid Day Meal Scheme

**National Programme
of
Mid Day Meal in Schools
(MDMS)
Annual Work Plan & Budget
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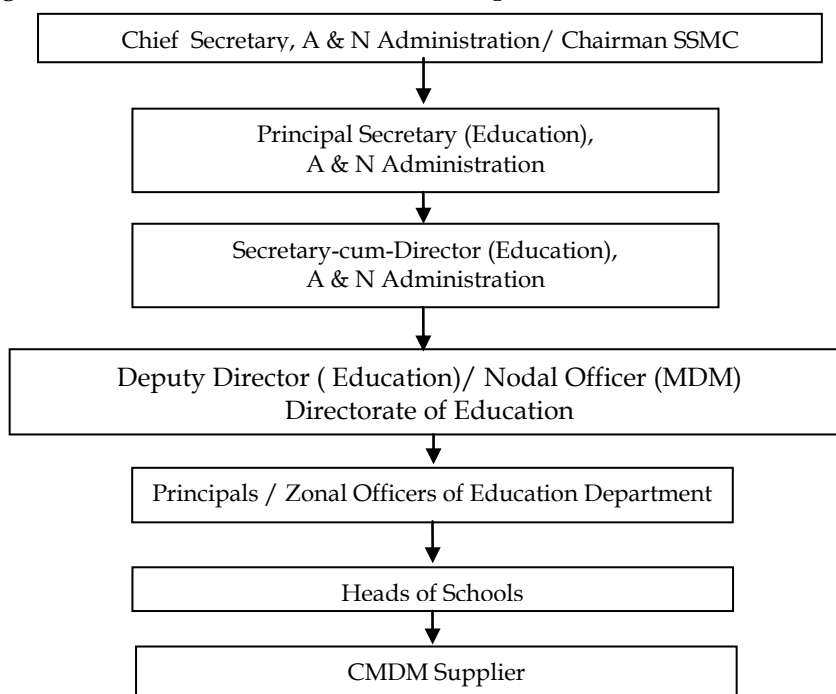
1. Introduction:-

1.1 Brief History:

The archipelago of Andaman & Nicobar spread over 572 islands/ islets and is located between 92° to 94° East longitudes and 6° to 14° North latitude in the Bay of Bengal. Out of the 572 islands, only 38 are inhabited. National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NPNSPE) programme is presently running in 330 Govt. Schools, 02 Govt. aided Schools, 06 Local Body Schools covering strength of 22050 students in Primary and 15503 students in Upper Primary Classes. The aim of the programme is to boost universalisation of elementary education by increasing enrolment and reducing the dropout rate.

1.2 Management Structure:

The Management structure of this UT for the implementation CMDMS is as under:



1.3 Process of Plan Formulation:

Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP & B) of this UT Administration is based on the information maintained at District Level and aggregated at State Level. The feedback received from the District Level is given due weightage. The feedback on attendance, retention, infrastructure and financial aspects are taken into account to prepare the plan. The data furnished in the Annual work Plan & Budget, 2014-15 is based on the DISE data.

2. Description and assessment of the programme implemented in the current year (2013-14) and proposal for next year (2014-15) with reference to:-

2.1 Regularity and wholesomeness of Mid Day Meals served to children; reasons for programme interruption, if any and planning to minimize them.

Mid Day Meal is regularly supplied to children without any interruption. Weekly menu is prepared by the School Level Committee as per their local needs / choice. A suggestive weekly menu is as under:-

Day	Items
Monday	Rice + Vegetable + Dal
Tuesday	Pulao (With Soya Bean) + Salad + Papad
Wednesday	Single Dish meal (Vegetable <i>Kitchdi</i>)
Thursday	Fermented food (Idli or Dosa with Sambar + Chatni)
Friday	Rice + Vegetable + Sambar
Saturday	Pulao + <i>Chana Sabji</i> + Salad + Papad

2.2 Coverage of children of NCLP Schools as per Upper Primary norm. NCLP Schools are Primary schools but eligible for benefit as per Upper Primary norm.

Not Applicable.

2.3 Food grains management, including adequacy of allocation, timeliness of lifting, transportation and distribution, and suitability of storage at different levels. Challenges faced and plan to overcome them.

This UT Administration lifts the required quantum of food grains from FCI through its Nodal lifting agency, the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs on quarterly basis and the cost of food grains is paid to FCI within 20 days of lifting the food grains as per the norms communicated by MHRD. The Chain of lifting is FCI → Civil Supply → School. Allocated rice for cooked Mid-day meal programme is brought from mainland by the Food Corporation of India, Port Blair. The Department of CS & CA lifts the food grains on quarterly basis from the go-downs of FCI at Port Blair and transports the same to its go-downs / warehouses located in 09 zones. The Mid-day meal suppliers lift the rice from the go-downs of CS & CA depending on its proximity. The Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs does not claim any Transportation Cost for transporting the food grains to different parts of the Islands and accordingly this UT Admn. does not incur any expenditure towards the component 'Transport Assistance'. Effective co-ordination among FCI, Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Directorate of Education has helped in smooth and hassle free implementation of the scheme in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

2.4 System for payment of cost of food grains to FCI. Status of pending bills of FCI of the previous year.

Directorate of Education request the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs to lift the allocated quantum of food grains from the godowns of FCI on quarterly basis. On lifting the food grains the Department of CS & CA acknowledges the lifting of food grains from FCI. FCI raises the bills in favour of the Director of Education, A & N Administration for releasing the payment. On completion of all official procedures payment is released to the FCI through cheque issued by the Pay & Accounts Office, Port Blair within the stipulated time period of 20 days. No bills are pending with this Directorate for making payment to FCI towards the cost of food grains.

2.5 System for release of funds provided under MDM (Central and State). Please indicate the dates when the fund was released to State Authority / Directorate / District / Block / Gram Panchayat and finally to the Cooking Agency / School.

The Central Assistance towards the component Cooking Cost and Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers received from MHRD is allocated to all the DDOs of Education department for its utilization. The allocation is worked out on the basis of targeted number of students and the number of working days as per the PAB approval. The status of receipt of Central Assistance and its release to DDOs for the session 2013-14 is as under:-

S.No	Installment / Component	Amount In Lakhs	Date of receiving of funds by the UT	Status of Releasing of Funds by the UT	
				Date	Amount
(A) Recurring Assistance					
1	Adhoc Grant	81.56	10/05/2013	29/05/2013	81.56
2	Balance of 1st Installment	108.55	22/08/2013	03/09/2013	108.55
3	2nd Installment	126.74	21/12/2013	28/12/2013	126.74
(B) Non-Recurring Assistance					
4	Kitchen-cum-Stores	802.3	17/07/2013	19/07/2013	802.3
5.	Kitchen Devices	-	-	-	-

The total budgetary provision of ₹ 650 Lakhs was made under UT fund for the year 2013-14.

2.6 Submission of Information in Mandatory Table (AT-24)

Desired mandatory information in Table AT-24 is furnished.

2.7 System and mode of payment of honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers and implementing agencies viz. NGOs / SHGs / trust / centralized kitchens etc.

This UT Administration does not engage any Cook-cum-Helpers however the Cook-cum-Helpers are engaged by the respective SHGs as per the norms specified by MHRD. The payment of honorarium to these Cook-cum-Helpers is released by the respective DDOs of Education Department through Account Payee cheques.

2.8 System for procuring cooking ingredients (pulses , vegetables including leafy ones, salt, condiments, oils and fuels etc.), Commodities, which are centrally purchased and supplied to schools or locally purchased at school level.

In this UT Administration Mid Day Meals is supplied by Self Help Group/DWCRA/Regd. Women Co-op Societies etc. All cooking ingredients and other commodities are locally purchased by the Self Help Groups / DWCRA/ Regd. Women Co-op Societies as per the requirement.

2.9 System for cooking, serving and supervising Mid Day Meals in the school and measures to prevent any untoward happening.

Mid day meal is cooked by the Self Help Group/DWCRA/Regd. Women Co-op Societies etc in their own kitchens and transported to the schools in hygienic conditions. Meals are served to the students by the employees of the supplier under the close supervision of school level committee and the Head of the school. Tasting the food before serving to students is a regular practice by the teachers on rotational basis is a regular practice to ensure that the food is freshly cooked and to avoid any untoward happenings.

2.10 Procedure and status of construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores.

The responsibility for construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores is assigned to Andaman Public Works Department being the nodal construction agency. During the year 2013-14 MHRD sanctioned 251 Kitchen-cum-Stores for this UT Administration. Out of this 04 Nos. of Kitchen-cum-Stores have been completed and 04 are in progress. Sanction has been accorded to APWD for 140 Kitchen-cum-Stores and the rest are in process.

2.11 Procedure of procurement of kitchen devices from (i) funds released under Mid Day Meal programme (ii) other sources.

No funds released during 2013-14 for procurement of Kitchen Devices.

2.12 Capacity building and training conducted for different categories of person involved in the Mid Day Meal programme.

A one day Capacity building and training programme for the Cook-cum-Helpers of identified Self Help Groups of South Andaman District was conducted during the month of December, 2013 in collaboration with Health Department and Department of Home Science, JNRM, Port Blair.

2.13 Management Information System at School, Village / Gram Panchayat, Block, District and State Level and its detail.

Since the internet connectivity in the suburbs is very poor, the Annual and Monthly data of the schools is collected manually and fed into the MIS Portal of MDM at State Level. Feeding of Annual data and monthly data of the schools is in progress.

2.14 Systems to ensure transparency, accountability and openness in all aspects of programme implementation, including inter alia, foodgrains management , ingredients procurement, cooking and serving, appointment of cooking staff, construction of Kitchen-cum-Store, and procurement of cooking devices.

Committees at state / district / block / village / school level have been constituted for ensuring transparency and fair implementation of the scheme. The quantity of food items to be supplied to the each student on each working day in primary and Upper Primary is displayed separately on the notice board of the schools. Weekly menus are chalked out, considering the food habits of local students and displayed. The suppliers are ought to follow the menu without any lapse. Besides the Committees, liberty has also been given to each and every responsible citizen of the locality and representatives of zonal level committee to check the cooked food being supplied to the students under the scheme.

2.15 Measures taken to rectify:

- a) Inter-district low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost:-
No instance of low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost has been noticed.
- b) Intra-district mismatch in utilization of food grains and cooking cost:-
There is mismatch in utilization of foodgrains and the cooking cost released thereon as because the Bills of the MDM suppliers are not getting settled on monthly basis. The supplier submit the bills late to the DDO concern and after scrutinizing the bills the DDO submit the bills to the concerned Pay & Accounts office for payment. The reports furnished in the QPRs are on the basis of information furnished by the DDOs regarding utilisation of foodgrains and actual bills passed by the Pay & Accounts Office. Thus there is mismatch in utilization of foodgrains and cooking cost. All the DDOs have been directed to settle the bills on monthly basis and the officials of Pay & Accounts Office have been requested to clear the bill monthly.
- c) Delay in delivering cooking cost at school level:-
Cooking cost is not delivered at school level.

2.16 Details of Evaluation studies conducted by State / UTs and summary of its findings.

No Evaluation study has been conducted by this UT.

2.17 Brief write-up on best practices followed in the state.

- a) Fresh and wholesome and hot cooked food is served to students on all working days.
- b) The quantum of ingredients and the cooking cost paid to the supplier is much higher than the prescribed quantum of ingredients and cooking cost by MHRD.
- c) It is mandatory for every supplier and its group members to get themselves medically examined and they should be free from and type of communicable diseases
- d) Every supplier is ought to have their own kitchen.
- e) Weekly varied menu is followed by the suppliers.
- f) Tasting the food before serving to students is a regular practice.
- g) Everyday food samples are preserved under lock & key by the Head of the Institution till the closure of the school for the day.
- h) Whole process is regularly monitored by the VECs, PTA and Mothers' Committee.
- i) Instructions have been issued to clean / wash the Groceries / pulses / vegetables properly before cooking and to use good quality cooking oil.
- j) This UT provides boiled egg twice a week to the all the students enrolled in Pre-primary to Upper-Primary stage as supplementary nutrition.

2.18 Instances of unhygienic food served, children falling ill, sub standard supplies, diversion / misuse of resources, social discrimination and safety measures adopted to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

No such instances have been reported so far.

2.19 System of Tasting of food by teachers and testing of food samples by any reputed lab.

Tasting of Cooked food by teachers on rotational basis before serving to the children is a regular practice. Since there is no laboratory for food testing in A & N Islands, possibilities to establish a Food Testing Laboratory in A & N Islands is being explored.

2.20 Extent of involvement of NGOs and Civic Body Organisation (CBOs) / PRIs in the implementation and monitoring of the scheme.

No NGOs are involved in the implementation and monitoring of Scheme, however the PRI members are widely involved in the implementation and monitoring of the scheme.

2.21 Status of School Health Programme with special focus on provision of micro-nutrients, Vitamin-A, deworming medicine, Iron and Folic acid, Zinc, distribution of spectacles to children with refractive error and recording of height, weight etc.

The School Health and Family Welfare unit of Directorate of Health Services, A & N Admn. is entrusted the responsibilities for implementing School Health Check-up programmes and administration of Micronutrients, de-worming medicines. This unit functions under the direct control of Deputy Director School Health. As per the report received from the Directorate of Health Services 31168 No. of children have been covered under the scheme. The employees of Health Department visit the schools for administering Micro Nutrients, Vitamin-A, De-worming medicines, Iron & Folic Acid tablets, recording the Height & Weight of the students, distribution of spectacles for low vision students. All Heads of Institutions are in regular contact with the Medical Officer In-charge of their nearest CHCs / PHCs to conduct the health check-ups of the students and obtain medical advices from them.

2.22 Present monitoring structure at various levels. Strategy for establishment of monitoring cell at various levels viz. Block, District and State Level for effective monitoring of the scheme.

Various committees at State, District & Block level have been constituted to strengthen the monitoring mechanism. School Management Committees along with Mothers' committee, PTA committee, Village Education Committee have been constituted to oversee the smooth implementation of the scheme.

2.23 Steps taken to strengthen the monitoring mechanism in the block, District and State level and status of constitution of SMCs at these levels. Status of formation on School Management Committee at Village / School / Cooking agency level in the light of Right to Education Act, 2009.

For effective monitoring of the scheme Mid Day Meal committees have been constituted at Block, District and State level. At Block level the Assistant Commissioner / Sub Divisional Magistrate of the concerned block, at District level the District Commissioners and at State level the Chief Secretary , A& N Administration are chairpersons of the Committees to oversee and ensure smooth implementation of the scheme and take feedback of scheme implementation regularly.

2.24 Frequency of meeting of District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee held under the Chairmanship of Senior most of MP of the District to monitor the scheme. Gist of the issues discussed and action taken thereon.

District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee has been constituted. Meetings are yet to be convened.

2.25 Arrangement for official inspections to MDM Centres and percentage of schools inspected and summary of findings and remedial measures.

The Officers of Directorate / Zonal level Officers and Head of Institutions inspect the supply of Mid Day Meals. Besides the PRI Members, the staff of Health Department are also assigned with responsibilities of inspection of Mid Day Meals. As on 31st December, 2013, 269 schools have been inspected which works out to be 80% coverage of official inspections.

2.26 Feedback / comments in respect of report of Monitoring Institutions designated for your State / UTs to monitor implementation of MDM and action taken thereon.

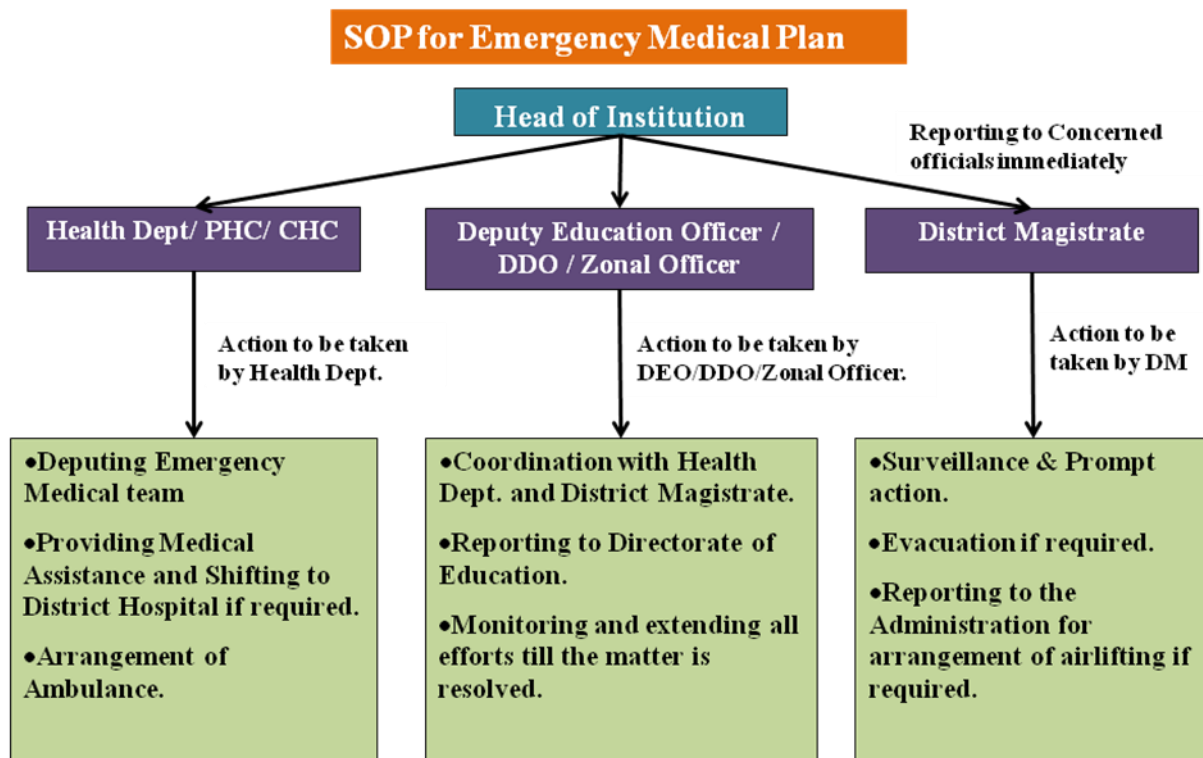
The Visva Bharati University, West Bengal has not conducted any evaluation study of CMDM Scheme in this UT during the year 2013-14:-

2.27 Details of the contingency Plan to avoid any untoward incident.

Emergency Plan is in existence in every schools.

Instructions have been issued for:

- a) Ensuring the availability of First Aid Box at schools.
- b) Training to identified Nodal Teachers from each school by the Health Department to handle the situation during untoward incident.
- c) Every School should have Standard Operative Procedures to be followed during emergency. They should maintain the details and contact Nos. of nearest PHC / CHC , District Education Officer, District Magistrate , Revenue, Police etc. for carrying out speedy medical attention in case of any untoward incidents.



2.28 Grievance Redressal Mechanism if any, used by the States / UTs. Details of complaints received, nature of complaints and time schedule for disposal of complaints.

There is no separate help lines available however the present official Telephone Numbers of Nodal Officer (Mid Day Meals) and Nine Zonal Officers across the Islands are used for addressing the grievances and its redressal. Complaint boxes and registers are also maintained in all schools. Not a single case of untoward incident has been reported so far.

2.29 Media Campaign, if any.

Information regarding the scheme has been disseminated to the general public through local dailies and radio spots and the salient features of the scheme have been displayed through posters and banners in the Bharat Nirman Campaigns and Vatsalya Melas.

2.30 Overall assessment of the manner in which implementation of the programme is contributing to the programme objectives and an analysis of strengths and weaknesses of the programme implementation.

The implementation of the programme exerts a positive influence on enrollment and attendance in schools. It enhances the child nutrition. The Mid day meal scheme has an important social value and foster equality. It helps in the erosion of caste prejudices and class inequality and to reduce the gender gap in education and enhances female school attendance. The programme provides an important rallying point for the involvement of parents in school governance.

