



***NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF MID DAY MEAL IN  
SCHOOLS (MDMS)***

***ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET  
2016 – 2017***

***UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY***

## 1.Introduction:

### 1.1 Brief history

The Union Territory of Puducherry provides top-most priority to the Education Sector and 9% of the total budget provision is earmarked. Pondicherry is the only UT which has achieved almost 100% literacy. Having emerged as a destination for Higher Education in South India, the UT has the distinction of being adjudged as the best State in the country which promotes Education. Though, the UT is small in size, it has a strong network of 714 Schools under Government and Private Sector. There are 427 schools under the administrative control of the Directorate of School Education while 287 Schools of various categories are run by the Private Sector. The break-up of the Primary and Middle Schools are as shown below:

#### **NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS**

Sl. No	Regions	Primary			Upper primary			Upper primary without primary		
		Govt. Schools	GA	Total	Govt. Schools	GA	Total	Govt. Schools	GA	Total
1.	Puducherry	158	1	<b>159</b>	56	20	<b>76</b>	63	0	<b>63</b>
2.	Karaikal	61	1	<b>62</b>	28	5	<b>33</b>	13	0	<b>13</b>
3.	Mahe	10	0	<b>10</b>	3	0	<b>3</b>	4	0	<b>4</b>
4.	Yanam	15	0	<b>15</b>	2	1	<b>3</b>	6	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>244</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>447</b>								

The UT Government is implementing various Schemes for the benefit of the students of Government and Government Aided Schools viz. distribution of Free Uniforms, Textbooks, Dictionaries, Chappels, School Bags, Cycles, Transport facilities (Free Bus) and Stationery materials for the Students from I to XII Std., apart from that free distribution of Laptop to all Government school students on completion of Higher Secondary course in single attempt. The Scheme was introduced from the year 2014-15 academic year onward, as a result the enrolment of the Students has increased considerably over the years.

Year	Enrolment of Boys	Enrolment of Girls	Total Enrolment
2011-2012	129979	125933	255912
2012-2013	129469	125927	255396
2013-2014	128844	124935	253779
2014-2015	126923	123301	250224
2015-2016	126365	122318	248683

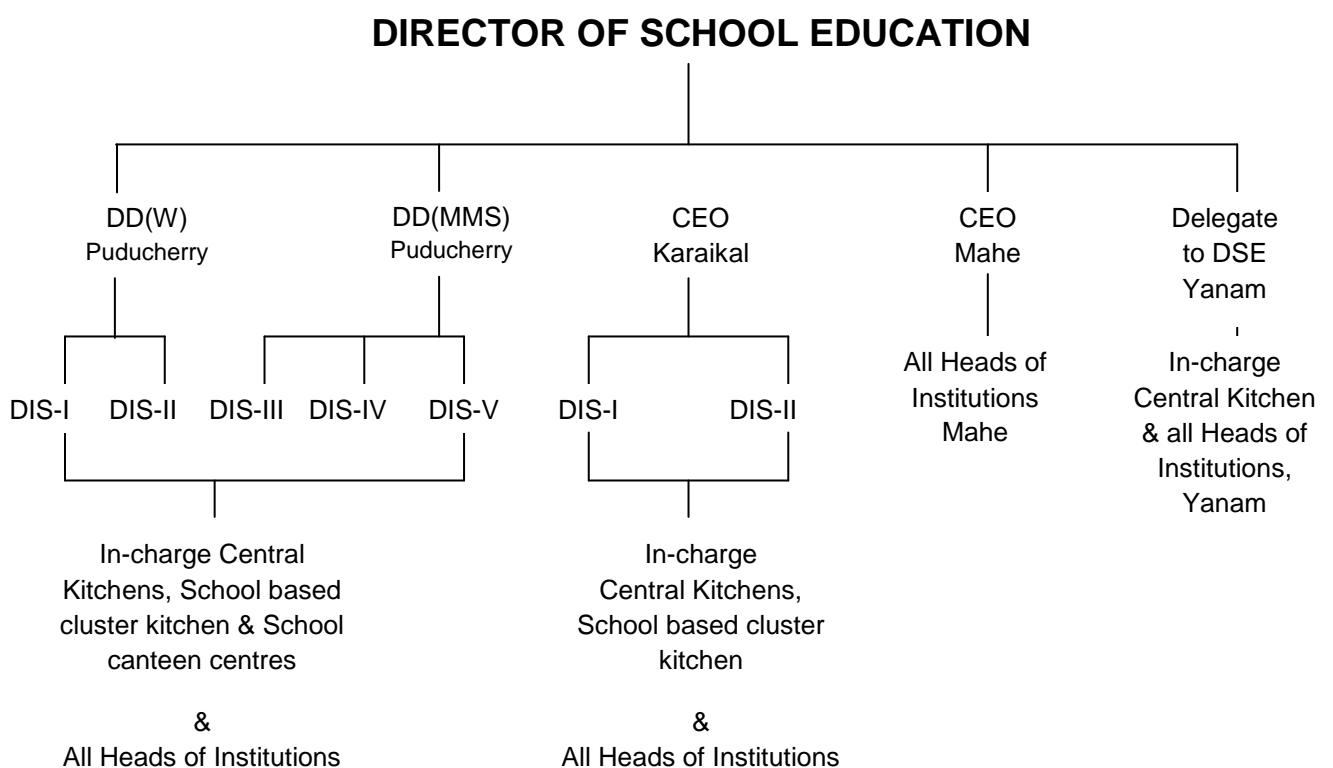
The UT Government have also taken steps to ensure that the retention level is maintained at optimum level and aims to achieve 0% dropout of the students. The dropout of students is only **0.30%** for Primary and **0.44%** for Upper Primary. The UT Government have taken steps to ensure that the Teachers of different categories are posted in the schools according to requirements. The Pupils Teacher Ratio of the UT is the best in the country with **1:22** against the National Norms of 1:30 for Primary and 1:35 for Upper Primary. The UT has also taken steps to provide necessary infrastructure to all the Government Schools. All the Schools are functioning in RCC buildings. It has been ensured that separate toilets for boys and girls and safe drinking water are provided in all schools. As a result of all the measures the Government schools compete with the Private Schools in achieving results. The percentage of pass in SSLC and HSC in the last five years is shown below and it may be noted that the performance of the Government / Private Schools is one of the best in the country.

#### PERFORMANCE CHART IN SSLC / HSC PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

Year	SSLC PUBLIC EXAMINATION			HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION		
	Total No. of Students Appeared	Total No. of Students Passed	Percentage	Total No. of Students Appeared	Total No. of Students Passed	Percentage
2011	15946	13983	87.69%	11428	9548	83.55%
2012	17979	16519	91.88%	12013	10153	84.52%
2013	18562	17528	94.43%	12588	11072	88.17%
2014	18409	16879	91.68%	13477	12077	89.61%
2015	19425	18054	92.94%	14250	12563	88.16%

The Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in the Union Territory of Puducherry since the days of French Administration i.e. from the year 1930. Nearly 81 thousand students are covered under the Midday Meal Scheme studying from I to XII standard in 447 Government/Government Aided Private Schools besides Pre-primary children. The Midday Meal Programme is being implemented under Central Assistance as well as under State Plan.

## 1.2 MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME



DSE - Director of School Education,

CEO- Chief Educational Officer,

DD(W)- Deputy Director of Education (Women),

DD - Deputy Director of Education (Midday Meals Scheme)

DIS - Deputy Inspector of Schools

### **1.3 PLAN FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE**

There are 447 number of Govt. and Govt. aided schools in Puducherry. 35952 number of students are studying in lower primary schools while 30694 number of students are studying in upper primary schools. To ensure accuracy of data the department relies upon the UDISE data for making assessment of requirements of rice and other requirements. This UT is preparing food for the students in 13 centralized kitchens, 11 school based cluster kitchens and 14 school canteen centres. Accordingly, the requirements of rice, diet articles and other items are arrived as per the norms prescribed by the MHRD centrally at the Directorate. As far as implementation of the MDM programme is concerned, the Directorate of School Education is the nodal department and as such the programme is implemented under the overall supervision of the Director of School Education.

In Pondicherry region, food is prepared in 10 central kitchens, 2 number of school based cluster kitchens and 1 number of school based kitchen and is directly monitored by the Director of School Education (DSE). There is one Deputy Director level officer who is given the exclusive responsibility of monitoring the programme. Besides, Inspecting Officers including Chief Educational Officer, and Deputy Inspector of Schools also inspect both the kitchens and the schools to ensure that the programme is implemented hassle free. A Circular has been issued to all the Inspecting Officers to visit the kitchens / schools regularly to monitor the implementation of the scheme on 06.07.2015.

In Karaikal District, the programme is implemented under the supervision of the District Collector, and monitored by the Chief Educational Officer and Deputy Inspector of Schools. There are 2 central kitchens and 9 number of school based cluster kitchens where food is prepared and distributed to schools.

In Mahe region, the Regional Administrator monitors the scheme and the Chief Educational Officer assumes the overall responsibility of the implementation of the scheme. And in the Yanam region, the Regional Administrator monitors the scheme under the supervision of Delegate to the Director of School Education.

## 2. DESCRIPTION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTED IN THE CURRENT YEAR (2015-16) AND PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR (2016-17)

### 2.1 REGULARITY AND WHOLESOMENESS OF MID DAY MEALS SERVED TO CHILDREN

As stated elsewhere Midday Meals is served to the students from pre-primary to Higher Secondary on all school days. From Table No.AT-1 – it may be seen that 100 and 150 grams of rice is utilized respectively for lower primary and upper primary students, respectively and food is prepared by utilizing other diet articles as per the norms.

### 2.2. DETAILS ABOUT WEEKLY MENU

#### 2.2.1. WEEKLY MENU – DAY WISE

DAYS	MENU
Monday	Rice, Sambar, Potato, Poriyal & Egg
Tuesday	Rice, Sambar, Potato, Whole Bengal Gram Poriyal
Wednesday	Variety Rice – Tomato Rice / Veg. Pulav, Potato Poriyal with whole Bengal gram
Thursday	Rice, Sambar, Beet root./ carrot Poriyal & Egg
Friday	Rice, Sambar, Cabbage, Whole Bengal Gram Poriyal

*Sambar : Dhall with mixed vegetables like Brinjal, Ladies Finger ,Beans, Drumstick and Cabbage, Chow Chow, Knol Khol, Carrot based on the availability.,*

Food was served to the students without any interruption during 2015-16 and the same will be ensured in 2016-17.

#### 2.2.2. ADDITIONAL FOOD ITEMS PROVIDED (fruits / milk / any other items), IF ANY.

In addition to Midday Meal Scheme, Breakfast Scheme is being implemented in Puducherry under which 100ml. hot-milk is being provided to the students studying from Pre-primary to XII Std. in Government / Govt. Aided Private Schools.

If sufficient budget provisions made available, fresh seasonal fruit shall be included in the diet scale under MDM to enhance the nutritional value during the academic year 2016-17.

### **2.2.3. USUAGE OF DOUBLE FORTIFIED SALT.**

In Puducherry, double fortified salt is being used in the Midday meal since the year 2005-06.

### **2.2.4. AT WHAT LEVEL MENU IS BEING DECIDED / FIXED**

The menu is fixed on recommendation of Food and Nutrition Department, Pondicherry University in consultation with the Dietician / Nutrition as approved by the State Level Monitoring Committee.

### **2.2.5. PROVISION OF LOCAL VARIATION IN THE MENU**

In Puducherry, the concept of preparing the Midday Meals in centralized modern kitchens is being followed and nearly 62000 students out of 81 thousand students are covered under Centralized kitchens and hence there is no local level variation in the menu. Even in school based cluster kitchen the above said menu is being followed without any deviation.

### **2.2.6. TIMINGS FOR SERVING OF MID DAY MEAL AT SCHOOL LEVEL.**

The Midday Meal is being served in all the schools during lunch-break i.e., between 13.00hrs. to 14.00hrs. and in some schools between 12.30 hrs. to 13.30 hrs. according to the school timings.

## **2.3 FOODGRAINS MANAGEMENT**

### **2.3.1 Timeframe for lifting, District wise lifting calendar of foodgrains.**

The foodgrains are being lifted as per the allocation under MDMS and the timeframe as specified in the guidelines of MHRD is being followed strictly in the lifting of rice in all the four regions of this U.T. of Puducherry.

### **2.3.2 System for ensuring lifting of Fair Average Quality foodgrains (Joint inspections at the time of lifting etc.,)**

In the U.T of Puducherry the Co-operative institutions have been authorized to lift the food grains (Rice) from the FCI godown in respect of all the four regions (Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam). The lifting of Fair Average Quality is being ensured by the Nodal Officer for Puducherry region, the concerned Chief Educational Officer in respect of Karaikal and Mahe Region and the Delegates to DSE in Yanam region.

### **2.3.3 Transportation and distribution.**

The following authorized Co-operative institutions are lifting the food grains (Rice) from the FCI godown and after cleaning and polishing the FCI rice, distribution takes place to all the Central Kitchens / School Canteen Centres in time to ensure buffer stock in the Kitchens for the preparation of Midday Meal to the students. The details of authorized agencies approved by the Govt. are furnished below:-

Sl. No.	District	Lifting and Distribution of FCI Rice
1.	Puducherry	Pondicherry Co-operative Marketing Society
2.	Karaikal	Karaikal Co-operative Marketing Society
3.	Mahe	Mahe Employee Co-operative Society
4.	Yanam	Yanam Co-operative Society

### **2.3.4 Whether unspent balance of foodgrains with the schools is adjusted from the allocation of the respective schools.**

No unspent balance of food grains available in the Central Kitchens / School based cluster kitchen and school canteen centres

### **2.3.5 Number of schools receiving foodgrains at doorstep of school.**

In the U.T of Puducherry, preparation of Midday Meals takes place in 13 Central Kitchens, 11 School based cluster kitchen and 14 school canteen centres and the lifting agency distributed the food grains (Rice) to the doorstep of all the Central Kitchens and School based cluster kitchens and school canteen centres in time and Hot cooked food is delivered to all the Schools.

### **2.3.6 Storage facility at different levels**

All the Central Kitchens are equipped with adequate storage facility to ensure the storage of food grains (Rice) in a safe and hygienic manner. Similar facilities are also available in the School based cluster kitchen and School canteen centres.

### **2.3.7. Challenges faced and plan to overcome them.**

In the U.T. of Puducherry Midday Meal serve to the students in all working days without any interruption and error free manner, price fluctuation of diet articles like Groceries and vegetable, Egg due to demand in the market



the U.T. of Puducherry has procured the diet articles in time as per the prevailing market rate and supply to all the Central Kitchens, School based cluster kitchens and School Canteen centres for the preparation of midday meal as per the norms of MHRD. The expenditure incurred by the State fund above the provision allocated in the B.E. for the Nutrition Sector. During 2015-16, 26592 students were covered under Mid Day Meal at Primary level and 21175 students at Upper Primary level. **And therefore 1554.62 Metric tonnes** of rice was required to prepare food for the students in all the schools for which an amount of Rs.**87.83** Lakhs was required to be paid to M/S. Food Corporation of India (FCI). After ensuring the release of funds and getting allocation from the MHRD this Department lifted rice from the respective godown of the FCI in all the four regions and payment made thereafter. Elaborate arrangements have been made at the central kitchens itself to store the rice lifted. Normally, rice is lifted from the FCI every month. As the rice lifted from FCI is not of superior quality, a tie up arrangement is made with the Pondicherry Co-operative Marketing Society, **a registered Co-operative Society**, under the Govt. of Puducherry to polish the rice so that the food prepared for the students is of good quality. As mentioned above, this UT consists of four regions and rice is lifted for Puducherry and Karaikal regions from Cuddalore whereas the rice required for Mahe and Yanam is being lifted from Kannur and Kakinada, respectively and the payment for rice lifted is paid to the respective Divisional Office in the form of Demand Draft.

Grocery items and Vegetables required for the preparation of food is being purchased from Government corporations such as M/s PAPSCO. Grocery items are purchased on monthly basis and payment is made accordingly. Vegetables are purchased on daily basis. Care has been taken to ensure that vegetables of high nutritional value are being purchased garden fresh and of good quality. The Mahe Employees co-op. society and Yanam co-op. society Ltd., supplies diet and non-diet articles required for Mahe and Yanam regions respectively.

At present, there are 13 Centralized Kitchens, 11 School based cluster kitchen and 14 school canteen centres catering to the needs of the children. And as mentioned above, rice is lifted on monthly basis and the rice required for centralized kitchens and the schools are supplied directly by the Marketing Society after getting it polished for the enrichment of its quality. Regarding the supply of diet articles, M/s. PAPSCO, a State PSU, makes supply directly to the Centralized Kitchens/School based cluster kitchen and the school canteen centres and so far no interruption in the supply of rice or other diet articles have occurred.

An amount of Rs.655.22 lakhs was released by MHRD and the amount has been utilized for the purpose for which it has been released. For the year 2015-16, revised funding pattern between Centre and State/UTs implementation for Midday Meal Scheme. UT of Puducherry is entitled 100% central share w.e.f from 01.4.2015 for which it has been released an amount of Rs.359.36 lakhs against the approval of Rs.922.36 lakhs which includes State Share (100%) is claimed based on the consumption in 2014-15.

For the year 2016-17, an amount of Rs. 885.47 lakhs is claimed based on the consumption in 2015-16.

## **2.4 PAYMENT OF COST OF FOODGRAINS TO FCI:**

### **2.4.1 System for payment of cost of food grains to FCI.**

A centralized system is being followed for the payment of cost of food grains to FCI.

### **2.4.2 Status of pending bills of FCI of the previous year.**

There are no pending bills as far as U.T. of Puducherry is concerned for the previous year.

### **2.4.3 Status of monthly meetings by the State Nodal Officer with the FCI.**

The State Nodal Officer under MDM meets the FCI Officials on regular intervals to ensure the lifting of RICE in a timely and effective manner.

#### **2.4.4 The process of reconciliation of payment with the concerned offices of FCI.**

The reconciliation of payment to FCI is being carried out regularly resulting in prompt payment during the academic year 2014-15 and as well as 2015-16 to till date.

#### **2.4.5 Relevant issues regarding payment to FCI.**

The payment of cost of food grains to FCI is being made by the Nodal Officer, Puducherry for all the four regions in a centralized manner and **1001.482 MTs.** of rice was lifted during the period from 01.04.2015 to 31.12.2015 and an amount of **Rs.56.58** lakhs was paid to the Food Corporation of India . In Puducherry, there is no undue delay in the payment of cost of food grains to FCI as the payments are being made promptly. There are no bills pending pertaining to the ending December 2015.

### **2.5 FUND FLOW MECHANISM - SYSTEM FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (CENTRAL AND STATE):**

#### **2.5.1 Mode of release of funds at different levels, (e-transfer of funds directly from State to School / implementing agency)**

The Government of Puducherry provided an amount of Rs.175.61 lakhs being the 25% of the State share in the B.E 2015-16. The Central share of Rs.1,40,78,000 being the ad-hoc grant was released on 22.04.2015 and the first installment of Rs.2,18,58,000/- was released on 15.09.2015 and besides an amount of Rs.1,36,92,000/- being the unspent balance amount as on 01.04.2015 which was also utilized for the implementation of the scheme. Since centralized procurement from co-operative institutions is made the bills are settled by the Nodal officers promptly.

Revision of funding pattern between central and states / UTs, from 01.04.2015 for Midday meal scheme, the UT. Puducherry is entitled for 100% Central share as per revised funding pattern from 01.04.2015. The final installment is yet to release from the Government of India for the year 2015-16.

#### **2.5.2 Dates when the fund released to State Authority / Directorate / District / Block / Gram Panchayat and finally to the Cooking Agency / School.**

The funds are released without delay to Nodal Agency in the month of April itself every year i.e. in the Budget Estimate. As the settlement of bills is being carried out by the respective Nodal Officers, there is no flow of funds to the school / kitchen level as all the payments for the procurement of diet and non diet articles are settled only by the Nodal agencies.

### **2.5.3 Reasons for delay in release of funds at different levels.**

There is no delay in release of funds at different levels and the mechanism is being adopted in the U.T of Puducherry is as follows:-

The UT of Puducherry being an enclave of 4 regions, with a total population of 12, 47,953 i.e. Male 6, 12,511 and Female 6, 35,442 is placed in a peculiar geographical arrangement. Moreover, out of the 4 regions Puducherry, Mahe and Yanam form part of the district of Puducherry. The Collector-cum-District Magistrate of Puducherry district is not the Administrative Head of the District unlike in other States. The administrative arrangement in the outlying regions of Mahe and Yanam is also different with the Regional Administrator being the Administrative head of the region. As stated elsewhere, the Midday Meals is being served to the students studying upto 12<sup>th</sup> Std. and the programme is implemented only in fully owned Govt. and Govt. Aided schools and there is no school functioning under local bodies. For the reasons explained above, the UT has been following the centralized system of purchase and settlement of bills accordingly. Therefore, the funds released by the Govt. of India is deposited with the Govt. Account and is drawn on different dates for the settlement of the bills after it is raised by the M/s FCI and other suppliers. In Puducherry, the procurement is made from the co-operative institutions / Govt. undertakings by the respective Nodal Officers and the settlement of bills is also being made only by the Nodal Officers as the concept of cooking the midday meals in centralized kitchens is being followed in Puducherry.

## **2.6 COOK-CUM-HELPERS**

### **2.6.1 System and mode of payment of honorarium, of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers and implementing agencies viz, NGOs / SHGs / Trust / Centralized kitchens etc.,**

The payment is being made to the cook-cum-helper by e-payment as all of them are having Bank accounts.

### **2.6.2 Rate of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers,**

Rate of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers is as per MHRD norms and in addition to the above payment is made under State share as per rules in force.

### **2.6.3 Number of cook-cum-helpers having bank accounts,**

All the cook-cum-helpers as noted in Table AT8 & AT8A are having Bank accounts.

### **2.6.4 Payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers through their bank accounts,**

Payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers is through the bank accounts only.

### **2.6.5 This section should also include the details of cook-cum-helpers like eligibility as per norms, approval of cook-cum-helpers, engaged and the strategy to fill the gap (if any)**

As per norms 1091 cook-cum-helpers can be engaged and whereas at present only 1031 cook-cum-helpers is being engaged.

### **2.6.6 Provisions for health check-ups of Cook-cum-Helpers,**

The health check-up to all the cook-cum-helpers was carried out.

### **2.6.7 Whether cook-cum-helpers are wearing head gears and gloves at the time of cooking of meals**

They are wearing head gears and gloves at the time of cooking of meals besides apron.

### **2.6.8 Modalities to appointment of cook-cum-helpers engaged at school level and working at centralized kitchens, in case of schools being served through centralized kitchens.**

The appointment of cook-cum-helpers is being made as per the codal provisions formulated by the Government of Puducherry for the engagement of various categories of employees.

## **2.7 PROCUREMENT AND STORAGE OF COOKING INGREDIENTS AND CONDIMENTS**

The diet and non-diet articles in respect of Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions are being supplied by M/s. Puducherry Agro Products Food And Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Puducherry Central Co-operative Processing Supply and Marketing Society, Karaikal Central Co-operative Processing Supply and Marketing Society and Mahe Employees Co-operative Society and Yanam Co-operative Stores Ltd., respectively on limited tender basis. The supplies are made on monthly basis as per the requirement of the concerned central kitchens / school canteen centres and it is also ensured that adequate quantities of diet articles are kept in the central kitchens. Each central kitchen is equipped with a store room where adequate stock for one month can be stored safely.



*BUFFER STOCK OF DIET ARTICLES IN SCHOOL BASED CLUSTER KITCHEN*

## 2.8. SYSTEM FOR COOKING, SERVING AND SUPERVISING MID DAY MEALS IN THE SCHOOL AND MEASURES TO PREVENT ANY UNTOWARD HAPPENING:



The concept of cooking the midday meal in modernized Central Kitchens is being followed in Puducherry and 13 Central Kitchens are functioning at present besides 11 School Based cluster kitchen and 13 School Canteen Centres. Food is prepared in all centralized kitchens in Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam in diesel / LPG driven boilers. Separate arrangements have been made for the preparation of vegetables, cooking and cleaning. Food is prepared by experienced cook cum helpers who are on the job for more than 15 years. Cook-cum-helpers have been engaged in all the centralized kitchens, School based cluster kitchens and School canteen centre. In the case of preparation of food in 11 School Based cluster kitchen and 13 School Canteen Centres, food is prepared in conventional method by introducing cluster kitchen concept from school canteen centre by providing new LPG connection and basic amenities for the preparation of mid day meal during the year 2015-16, which ensure quality food to all the students and also ensure uniformity in quality.

It is proposed to construct dining hall in schools where sufficient space is available by providing funds available under MPLAD scheme. The distribution of MDM is supervised at present by the Teachers and Inspecting Officers, besides a dedicated officer in the rank of Dy. Director of School Education has been appointed with clear mandate to make surprise inspection of central kitchens and monitor the implementation of MDM. Steps have been taken to install fire extinguisher in all the central kitchens and school canteen centres. Food is prepared under direct supervision of a teacher who assumes the role on rotation basis. As stated above, the prepared food is transported from central kitchen to schools in duly covered vessels which is tasted by the teachers on rotation before it is served to the students. Elaborate instructions have been issued to all the schools vide circular dt.24.07.2013 and 24.12.2014. MHRD, Government of India has insisted that in addition to SMC the mandatory testing by one Teacher, at least one parent and preferably two who may or may not be SMC members should be present during serving of the meals to the students so that they can taste the food as well as certify the number of children who partake of MDM.

In this regard, the Directorate of School Education, has issued a circular to all the Head of Institutions to sensitise and encourage SMC members and Parents to taste the food before serving to the children and to record the suggestions / recommendations in the register available in the School,

It is also proposed to appoint Supervisors with sufficient academic qualification in Catering in all Central Kitchens to make the system more scientific and modern. All the Central Kitchens are provided with computers and likely to be connected with the Nodal Agency i.e. the Directorate of School Education shortly to enable the Nodal Agency to monitor the preparation and distribution of food on day today basis and also collection of data as per norms without any delay. It is proposed to install CCTV camera in all the Central Kitchens for better monitoring.



## **2.9**

### **2.10 Kitchen – cum - Stores**

#### **2.10.1 PROCEDURE AND STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF KITCHEN-CUM-STORE:**

At present there are 13 central kitchens in the UT of Puducherry 10 in Puducherry 2 in Karaikal and 1 in Yanam, catering to the needs of 81,000 students. In addition, there are 11 number of school based cluster kitchen and 14 number school canteen centre in Puducherry, Karaikal and Mahe. All the schools in Mahe have pucca school based kitchens.

In the year 2006-07, an amount of Rs.55.20 lakhs was released to the U.T to construct 92 No. of kitchen cum stores. The amount has been utilized for the renovation of existing kitchens and the replacement of cooking devices on the approval of the PAB. The work has been entrusted to Pondicherry Co-operative Building Centre, carried out the work completed by incurring an amount of Rs.180 lakhs (Rs.55.20 lakhs on Central Assistance and Rs.130 lakhs from State fund).

#### **2.10.2 The reasons for slow pace construction of kitchen-cum-store.**

In U.T. of Puducherry there is no slow pace of construction of kitchen-cum-store

#### **2.10.3 Whether any standardized model of kitchen cum stores is used for construction.**

U.T of Puducherry all the centralized kitchens-cum-stores are standardized model constructed by the Public Works Department.

#### **2.10.4 Details of construction agency and role of community in this work.**

No community involvement in this work.

#### **2.10.5 Kitchen cum stores constructed through convergence, if any.**

No kitchen cum stores constructed through convergence.

#### **2.10.6 Progress of construction of kitchen-cum-stores during this year and target for the next year.**

In the year 2015-16 all the Central kitchens and 10 numbers School based cluster kitchens are renovated and provided new kitchen device. Renovation and modernization of two school based cluster kitchens and replacement of kitchen device will be taken up in the year 2016-17.

## **2.11 KITCHEN DEVICES:**

### **2.11.1 & 2.11.2 Procedure of procurement of Kitchen devices :**

Kitchen devices have been procured from M/s. Amudhasurabhi, a co-operative institution under the control of the Govt. of Puducherry under limited tender system an amount of Rs.23.30 lakhs and distributed to the school based cluster kitchens functioning at Puducherry and Karaikal.

### **2.11.3 Availability of eating plates, Source of funding of eating plates.**

Eating plates have been provided to 219 schools in respect of Puducherry and Karaikal region covering **16261** childrens on free of cost by utilizing the MME funds provided under MDM Scheme under the school level expenditure component, to a tune of Rs.16.83 lakhs in the academic year 2015-16.

## **2.12 CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING FOR DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS:**

The Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in this U.T. of Puducherry in accordance with the Guidelines vide circular No.6566/Edn/DE/PA/2002-03, dated 04.03.2003 of the Director of School Education, Puducherry. In the past, training programmes were organized for the cook cum helpers under the aegis of Food and Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pondicherry Institute of Hospitality Crafts, Department of Tourism, Govt. of Puducherry, the cook-cum-helpers were trained to maintain cleanliness in the kitchen, the mechanism of washing and cutting of vegetables and in the process of cooking by modernized kitchen equipments in a very hygienic manner.

### **2.12.1 Details of the training programme conducted for cook-cum-helpers, State Level Officials, SMC members, School teachers and others Stake holders.**

The training programme for cook-cum-helper was conducted in all four regions. In the training organized for the members of School Management Committee, School teachers and other Stakeholders have been impressed upon the need to get themselves involved in the implementation of MDM in an effective manner.

2.12.2 Details about Modules used for training, Master Trainers, Venues etc.

Training programme to the cook-cum-helper through the Pondicherry Institute of Hotel Management Catering Technology sponsored by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tourism for all four regions by the Asst. Lecturer-cum-Assistant Instructor as a Master Trainer, the training was conducted at the Central Kitchen how to prepares food in a Hygienic manner and methodology of preparation of various dishes.

2.12.3 Targets for the next year.

For the year 2016-17, it is proposed to conduct refresh training programme to all the Cook cum Helper in the concerned Central Kitchen and School based cluster kitchen functioning in this U.T. of Puducherry.

### **2.13 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AT SCHOOL, BLOCK, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL AND ITS DETAILS:**

As discussed in the foregoing paras, purchases are made in a centralized manner as food is prepared in the centralized kitchens covering 72% of the beneficiaries under Midday Meal Scheme.

#### **2.13.1. Procedure followed for data entry into MDM-MIS Web portal**

Data collected from the Schools and central kitchen/School canteen centre is being entered in the Web Portal.

#### **2.13.2. Level (State / District / Block / School) at which data entry is made**

Data is collected from the districts and entered at the State Level.

#### **2.13.3 Availability of manpower for web based MIS**

Data entry operators are available only in state level. Under Midday meal scheme, outsourcing of Data entry operators will be undertaken in all the District level in the ensuing academic year in order to update the data at district level.

#### **2.13.4 Mechanism for ensuring timely data entry and quality of data**

In the U.T of Puducherry, preparation of Midday meal is being carried out in Central kitchens School based cluster kitchens and School canteen centres. To capture data under MDM the software is already developed and put to use for timely data entry and ensure the quality of data.

#### **2.13.5 Whether MIS data is being used for monitoring purpose and details thereof.**

The data collected is very useful for monitoring purpose as it gives the actual number of MDM beneficiaries

### **2.14 SYSTEMS TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND OPENNES IN ALL ASPECTS OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION:**

#### **2.14.1 Display of logo, entitlement of children and other information at a prominent visible placed in school**

MDM logo, Weekly menu, Toll Free Number, Entitlement of children and other information are displayed in all Government and Government aided MDM beneficiary schools, central kitchens, School based cluster kitchen and school canteen centres.

#### **2.14.2 Dissemination of information through MDM website**

The dissemination of information on the implementation of the scheme through website .. has already been made in the U.T of Puducherry.

#### **2.14.3 Provisions for community monitoring at school level i.e. Mother Roaster, Inspection register.**

As per the MHRD instruction the parents for supervising the testing of the quality of the meals under Midday Meal Scheme, action has been taken a circular has been issued by the Directorate of School Education to all the Head of Institution and instructed that one parent and preferably two, who may not be SMC member should be present during serving meals to the children,

taste the food and certify the number of children who part take MDM and they record their observation in the Register available in the School.

#### **2.14.4 Tasting of meals by community members.**

In the training organized for the members of School Management Committee, they have been impressed upon the need to get them involved in the implementation of MDM. A circular has been issued to maintain a separate inspection registers for the above said purpose.

#### **2.14.5 Conducting Social Audit.**

Social audit will be carried out in the year 2015-16 as per the Guidelines of MHRD. Further it is to state that the Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in this U.T. of Puducherry in accordance with the Guidelines issued in this regard. The diet and non-diet articles in respect of Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions are being supplied by M/s. Puducherry Agro Products Food And Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Puducherry Central Co-operative Processing Supply and Marketing Society, Karaikal Central Co-operative Processing Supply and Marketing Society and Mahe Employees Co-operative Society and Yanam Co-operative Stores Ltd., respectively on limited tender basis. As the procurement of all articles is only through co-operative institutions, transparency and openness in all aspects of programme is ensured.

### **2.15 MEASURES TAKEN TO RECTIFY**

#### **2.15.1 Inter-district low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost.**

There is no report of uneven utilization of food grains in any of the four regions in this U.T. of Puducherry.

#### **2.15.2 Intra-district mismatch in utilization of food grains and cooking cost**

There is no mismatch of utilization of food grains and cooking cost in Puducherry as far as the year 2015-16 is concerned.

### **2.15.3 Delay in delivering cooking cost at school level**

As the scheme is being implemented directly by the Directorate of School Education through central kitchens / school based cluster kitchen and school canteen centre, delivering of cooking cost at school level does not arise.

### **2.15.4 Delay in payment to FCI**

There is no delay in payment of cost of food grains to FCI as the payments are made promptly.

### **2.15.5 Mismatch of data reported through various source (QPR), AWP&B MIS etc.,**

Mismatch of data reported through various source (QPR) have since been corrected and revised QPR have already been sent to MHRD.

## **2.16 DETAILS OF EVALUATION STUDIES CONDUCTED BY STATE/UTs AND SUMMARY OF ITS FINDINGS:**

No evaluation study was done by the UT administration. However, the Joint Review Mission visited this UT during the December 2013 and has submitted its report to the MHRD. The independent monitoring agency i.e. Pondicherry University conducts evaluation study independently and submits report directly to MHRD.

## **2.17 WRITE-UP ON BEST / INNOVATIVE PRACTICES FOLLOWED IN THE STATE:**

- U.T administration spent Rs.1366.27 lakhs, for the implementation of MDM as the MDM is extended to the students studying upto 12<sup>th</sup> Standard including Pre-primary.
- In addition to MDM, the UT administration implements the Break Fast scheme under which 100ml of Hot milk is given to students spent an amount of Rs.795 lakhs.
- Food is prepared in modernized central kitchens/ School based cluster kitchen and school canteen centres in a hygienic atmosphere.
- Egg is provided to students twice a week.

- Safe drinking water has been ensured by installing RO System with multiple water systems for hand washing.
- Purchase of diet articles is being made only through Co-operative institutions / Govt. undertakings by limited tender system.

## **2.18 UNTOWARD INCIDENTS**

No instance of unhygienic food served, children falling ill, substandard supplies, diversion / misuse of resources and social discrimination reported in this U.T. of Puducherry. The scheme is implemented effectively in an error free manner and in accordance with the Guidelines issued in this regard by MHRD.

### **2.18.1 Instances of unhygienic food served, children falling ill.**

No, such incidents have not occurred.

### **2.18.2 Sub-standard supplies,**

To maintain the quality groceries of AGMARK quality / fresh vegetables is procured through Co-operative agencies in a centralized manner and supplied to Central kitchens, School based Cluster kitchens and School Canteen centres.

### **2.18.3 Diversion / misuse of resources.**

The co-operative institution are directly supplying the diet and non-diet articles to the doorstep of the Central Kitchens, School based Cluster kitchens and School Canteen centres.

### **2.18.4 Social discrimination.**

No Social discrimination.

### **2.18.5 Action taken and safety measures adopted to avoid recurrence of such Incidents.**

Students are encouraged to take Midday meal together without any discrimination.

## 2.19 QUALITY OF FOOD

A circular has been issued on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 directing the teachers to taste the food meant to be served to the students on rotation and a roaster is being maintained for the posting of teachers to taste the food before distribution. Pondicherry Health Laboratory for analysis the quality of diet articles as well as food served to the students. In addition, a circular has been issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 instructing the modalities to be followed to ensure quality.

### THE MEAL BEING TASTED BY A TEACHER BEFORE SERVING TO THE CHILDREN



2.19.1 System of Tasting of food by teachers/community. Maintenance of tasting register at school level.

A separate register maintained in all the School to record the suggestion / recommendation about the tasting of food.

2.19.2 Testing of food sample by any reputed labs for the presence and nutrients and presence of microbes, if any, as per norms of Mid-Day Meals.

Testing of diet articles and food samples are periodically carried out in Pondicherry Health Laboratory. Cooked food samples are tested and the quality is found to be Good.



- 2.19.3 Engagement of NABL/ recognized labs for the testing of Meals.
- 2.19.4 Details of protocol for testing of Meals, frequency of lifting and testing of samples.
- 2.19.5 Details of samples taken for testing and the results thereof.

## **2.20 INVOLVEMENT OF NGOs / TRUSTS**

2.20.1 Modalities for engagement of NGOs/ Trusts for serving of MDM through centralized kitchen

The Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in Puducherry directly by the Department of School Education and there is no involvement of NGOs/ Trust for serving of MDM through centralized kitchen.

2.20.2 Whether NGOs/Trust are serving meal in rural areas

In the UT of Puducherry serving meal in rural areas only by cook cum helper and there is no involvement of NGOs/ Trust.

2.20.3 Maximum distance and time taken delivery of food from centralized kitchen and school.

In the U.T of Puducherry 13 Central Kitchens are functioning at present besides 11 School Based cluster kitchen and 13 School Canteen Centres are functioning for the preparation of Midday meal. The Schools are located with a distance 8 to 10 Kilometer from the central kitchens. Hardly 10 to 30 minutes is taken from the hot cooked meal to be delivered at Schools from the preparation point by using closed TATA 407 vehicles.

2.20.4 Measures taken to ensure delivery of hot cooked meals to schools

Hot cooked food delivered to the schools within 10-20 minutes ensuring the meals are hot when served to the children.

2.20.4.1 Responsibility of receiving cooked meals at the school from the centralized kitchen

Cooked food prepared from the central kitchen and send through covered vehicles to the MDM beneficiary schools where the cook cum helper will receive the container under the supervision of the Head of Institution.

2.20.4.2 Whether the containers are sealed at the time of supply of meals to school.

Cooked food send through sealed container (SS Drum) at the time of supply of meal to school.

2.20.4.3 Tentative time of delivery of meals of school from centralized kitchen

Midday meal is being covered in all the schools during lunch break ie. between 13.00 hrs to 14.00 hrs and in some schools between 12.30 hrs to 13.30 hrs according to the school timings. Time of delivery of meals to school from the central kitchen is at 12.00 noon promptly.

2.20.5 Testing of food samples at centralized kitchens

In central kitchen the in-charge will taste the food and ensure the quality before delivery. In addition food sample is being sent to Pondicherry Health Laboratory to ascertain the quality.

## **2.21 STATUS OF RASTRIYA BAL SWASTHYA KARYAKRAM (School Health Programme)**

2.21.1 Provision of micro-nutrients, Vitamin-A, de-Worming medicine, Iron and Folic acid (WIFS), Zinc.

During the academic year 2015 Iron Folic Acid issued to the students weekly and De-Worming tablet once in 6 months (i.e February and August) covering 200 schools in the UT. of Puducherry.

2.21.2 Distribution of spectacles to children with refractive error.

In the UT. of Puducherry 114 schools have been covered, and screening of school students, undertaken 456 numbers of spectacles were issued to the students free of cost under SSA, **38** children were operated for Cataract, Squint & other ocular defects under level Pediatric project with the support of SSA, Puducherry.

### 2.21.3 Recording of height, weight etc.

Student's Health Card is maintained for all students in the school and vital parameters of height, weight, BMI and other findings are recorded for follow up action

### 2.21.4 Number of Visits made by the RBSK team for the health check-up of the children.

The Modified Student's Health Programme is being implemented in all the four regions of the UT under Rashtribal Swasthiya Karyakram by National Rural Health Mission. Under this programme, 4 teams have been formed in Puducherry and 3 in Karaikal while 1 team each in Mahe and Yanam has been constituted. Each team is comprised of 2 doctors 1 Nurse and 1 Counselor. The Medical Team used to visit schools regularly and screen students to diagnose 30 diseases among the children. The team also diagnose developmental disorders and prescribe appropriate treatment for them. During the academic year 2015-16, the status of RBSK as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 is 77338 (Boys 34,170 & Girls 43,168) total number of students studying in Government and Government aided schools have been screened by the Pondicherry State Health Mission, Government of Puducherry.

## **2.22 PRESENT MONITORING STRUCTURES AT VARIOUS LEVELS. STRATEGY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MONITORING CELL AT VARIOUS LEVELS VIZ. BLOCK, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL FOR EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF THE SCHEME.**

As far as implementation of the MDM programme is concerned, the Directorate of School Education is the nodal department and as such the programme is implemented under the overall supervision of the Director of School Education. In Puducherry region, MDM is directly monitored by the Director of School Education (DSE). There is one Deputy Director level officer who is given the exclusive responsibility of monitoring the programme. Besides, Inspecting Officers including Chief Educational Officer, and Deputy Inspector of Schools also inspect the kitchens and the schools to ensure that

the programme is implemented hassle free. In Karaikal region monitored by the Chief Educational Officer and Deputy Inspector of Schools. In Mahe region, the Regional Administrator monitors the scheme and the Chief Educational Officer assumes the overall responsibility of the implementation of the scheme. And in the Yanam region, the Regional Administrator monitors the scheme under the supervision of Delegate to the Director of School Education.

A Circular has been issued to all the Inspecting Officers to visit the kitchens / schools regularly to monitor the implementation of the scheme on 06.07.2015 to ensure that the quality of food prepared are of good quality and samples of diet articles are collected at random and get it tested as per the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. Such testing is being done periodically at the Public Health Laboratory, Govt. of Puducherry. So far no adverse reporting is received from the said Laboratory.

The stock position available in the central kitchen is verified by the Store Superintendent of this Department periodically. Also surprise inspections is carried out by the officers, Computers procured and supplied to the central kitchens to maintain and monitor stock of Rice, diet procured and for proper accounting of the materials. In order to strengthen the existing system of monitoring, the School Management Committee will be involved in monitoring the implementation of MDM. Also to make the system more transparent, the standards of diet and non-diet articles used in the preparation of food is displayed in all the central kitchens/ School based cluster kitchen and school canteen centre.

As per the MHRD guidelines, State level steering cum Monitoring committee has already being constituted in the U.T of Puducherry. Apart from State Level Monitoring Committee, UT Review Mission, District Level Committee Meeting was constituted vide G.O.Ms.No.68 dated 27.02.2015 similar to Joint Review Mission of the Govt. of India as suggested during the PAB 2014-15 held on 02.05.2014 for monitoring the performance of the scheme.

There is a Toll Free number available to the General Public to register their complaint on the implementation of the Midday Meal Scheme in all the four regions of this U.T. of Puducherry.

It is also proposed to undertake social audit in the year 2015-16.

### **2.23 MEETINGS OF STEERING CUM MONITORING COMMITTEES AT THE BLOCK, DISTRICT AND STATE LEVEL.**

The State level Steering-cum Monitoring Committee has already been constituted and it reviews the implementation of the scheme. MHRD, Government of India has suggested to constitute UT Review mission similar to Joint Review mission of the Government of India for monitoring the performance of the scheme. It is worthwhile to mention at this juncture, the UT Review Mission has been constituted in the U.T of Puducherry vide G.O.Ms.No.55 dated 27.01.2015. In addition to that School level Management Committee may also be involved to monitor the programme.

### **2.24 FREQUENCY OF MEETING OF DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SENIOR MOST MP OF THE DISTRICT TO MONITOR THE SCHEME. GIST OF THE ISSUES DISCUSSED AND ACTION TAKEN THEREON.**

As per the guidelines of the MHRD, the District Level Committee has been constituted vide G.O.Ms.No.68 dated.27.02.2015. Under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) District level meeting was held on 27.10.2015 and reviewed the implementation of the Mid Day Meals Scheme in Puducherry and copy of the minutes communicated to the MHRD.

#### **District Level Committee review meeting held on 27.10.2015**



## 2.25 ARRANGEMENT FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS TO MDM CENTRES AND PERCENTAGES OF SCHOOLS INSPECTED AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES TAKEN:

The Deputy Director in-charge of MDM, Chief Educational Officer and other inspecting officers inspect the quality of food served to the students. Being a small UT with less number of schools the Inspecting Officers cover all the schools. A mechanism has already been evolved for periodical inspection and remedial measures.

## 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.

### KARAIKAL REGION

Sl. No.	ISSUE	ACTION TAKEN
i)	No health check up is carried out for the cook cum helpers in the kitchen	Health checkup to CCH has already been conducted in all four regions of UT. of Puducherry.
ii)	No green leafy vegetables are used in the meals	Green leafy vegetables are used in the meals now.
iii)	The menu varies from each school canteen	Uniform menu is followed in all the Central Kitchen and School Canteen centres.
iv)	No stock particulars and MDM logo were displayed in the schools	Instructions given to all the Central Kitchen / School canteen centres to maintain stock registers and to update regularly. Display of MDM Logo in the schools has been insisted.
v)	No storage bins are available in 90% of the schools in Karaikal Distt.	Storage bins are made available in all the schools by utilizing the MME funds.
vi)	There is no inspection register maintained in both the Distt.	Updation of inspection register made mandatory in all the regions.
vii)	Vegetables served by the PAPSCO to central kitchen and the school canteens are over ripened and rotten.	Fresh and good quality vegetables are supplied on alternative days.
viii)	In Karaikal Distt. the condition of toilets is very pathetic and deplorable. About 65% of the schools toilets are in very poor condition and students are forced to use them.	All the schools toilets have been repaired and are functional.
ix)	In GHS, Kovilpathu School 4-5 students are dinning together in a single plate and they are dining in the open ground / under tree	Action has already been taken to provide Stainless Steel plates to the students free of cost. The funds available under MME is proposed to be utilized for this purpose.

**MAHE REGION**

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VII)	No MME component	Instruction given to utilize the MME component as per the MHRD Guidelines.
VIII)	No improvement in Enrollment in the schools where MDM is implemented.	Due to smallness in area there is no considerable increase in the population, which resulted in same level of enrollment In Mahe region.
IX)	There is no Toll Free Number at State level and District level.	Provision of Toll Free number to Mahe region – 1800-425-1967. En-routed – 0490 - 2332613

**2.27 DETAILS OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN TO AVOID ANY UNTOWARD INCIDENT. PRINTING OF IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS (eg. PRIMARY HEALTH CENTER, HOSPITAL, FIRE BRIGADE ETC.) ON THE WALLS OF SCHOOL BUILDING:**

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) finalized by the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management is adopted at present. However an exclusive contingency plan will be prepared shortly by adopting the methodology followed by the Govt. of Orissa. A circular has been issued to all the schools display the toll free numbers, Primary Health Centre number, Police Station number on the walls of the school building.

**2.28 GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM**

A Toll free Number of 1800-425-1967 has been installed to receive complaints from public regarding the implementation of Midday Meals. A separate register is being maintained to make entry of the complaints received and also record the remedial action taken on the complaints.

2.28.1 Details regarding Grievance Redressal at all levels,

2.28.2 Details of complaints received i.e. Nature of complaints etc.

Complaints have not received in respect of MDM

2.28.3 Time schedule for disposal of complaints.

2.28.4 Details of action taken on the complaints.

## **2.29 DETAILS REGARDING AWARENESS GENERATION & IEC ACTIVITIES AND MEDIA CAMPAIGN, CARRIED OUT AT STATE / DISTRICT / BLOCK / SCHOOL LEVEL.**

MDM Logo / Daily Menu are being displayed in all the schools. As the MDM programme is being implemented in this UT from 1930's adequate awareness has been created among the general public about the programme. However, to create awareness about the entitlements of the children under the MDM programme, a media campaign will be taken up utilizing the funds released under MME component.

## **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 UT of Puducherry has been implementing various welfare programmes to increase the enrolment of students in Govt. Schools. Eventhough funds are released under the programme of MDM to provide food only for the students from 1 to 8<sup>th</sup> standard, the UT of Puducherry provides fund to implement MDM programme for the pre-primary and the students studying in 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Standards. Under this programme the UT of Puducherry has allocated Rs.2055 lakhs for the implementation of MDM and Breakfast Scheme which include the committed funds of 25% State Share under the MDM programme. UT. Puducherry has entitled 100% Central Share in Primary and Upper Primary level for the in the year 2015-16. Accordingly the Government of India has released the fund for implementation of Midday Meal Scheme.



In 1991, this UT constructed one central kitchen on experimental basis to prepare food through diesel driven boilers in hygienic atmosphere. In the Financial year 2016-17 all the central kitchens through Diesel Driven boiler will be converted into LPG based, which will be cost effective and food can be prepared in a hygienic manner and reduce pollution. At present there are 13 central kitchens where food is prepared for about 65000 No. of students. UT is one of the few pioneering States/UTs which provide eggs to the students and 100 ml of Hot milk to the students in the morning.

### **2.31 CONTRIBUTION BY COMMUNITY IN THE FORM OF TITHI BHOJAN OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR PRACTICES IN THE STATE / UT etc.**

A novel and unique scheme 'Annadhanam' is introduced on the lines of 'Tithi Bhojan' has introduced in the UT. of Puducherry vide G.O M.S. No.78 dt.18.03.2015. The said scheme will be implemented under Mid day meal scheme in a transparent and error free manner with the Community Contribution / Participation.

### **2.32 Details of action taken to operationalize the MDM Rules, 2015.**

Action has been taken, the notification in G.S.R. 743 (E), dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary No. 599, Part-II, section 3, sub-section (i), dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 containing the Mid-Day Meal Rules, 2015 is hereby republished for general information of the public in Puducherry Gazette vide no.26531/DSE/Edn/2015 dated. 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015. (Copy is enclosed)

### **2.33 Details of payment of Food Security Allowances and its mechanism.**

In the UT of Puducherry Mid Day Meal is provided to all the students studying in Government / Government Aided schools on all school working days. The Concept of preparation Midday meal in Puducherry by central kitchen, School based cluster kitchen and School canteen centres. Buffer stock of diet articles and non diet articles will be maintained equally in all the centres. Hence food security allowance not applicable to UT of Puducherry if

so, may be adhere the food Security allowance to the children under the Scheme.

#### **2.34 ANY OTHER ISSUES AND SUGGESTIONS.**

- i) Provision of stainless steel plate to the students shall be provided under the scheme every year.
- ii) Any fresh seasonal fruit shall be included in the diet scale under MDM to enhance the nutritional value.

#### **PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR 2016-17**

After detailed discussions and after going through the fact on record on the issues discussed above, the State Level Steering-cum- Monitoring Committee approved the proposal furnished below for the year 2016-17 (Table Enclosed)

**s/d**  
**(L.KUMAR)**  
**DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION**  
**PUDUCHERRY**

