

National Programme Of Mid Day Meal in Schools (MDMS)

Annual Work Plan & Budget 2015-16

Jammu & Kashmir

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1. Introduction:

The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Education (popularly known as Mid Day Meal Scheme) was launched in the J&K State in September 2004 with an objective to give a boost to Universalization of Primary Education by increasing enrollment, retention and attendance. In pursuance of the directions dated 20th April, 2004 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the J&K School Education Department reviewed various issues related with the proper implementation of the scheme in accordance with the directions and necessary measures have been taken as under:-

- The programme has been universalized.
- At gross root level, the scheme is being implemented under the supervision of PRIs, School Management Committees & Village Education Committees.
- The food grains are lifted from the FCI by the Directors of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department on behalf of the Education Department as the CAPD has a good network of sale outlets across the State with capacity to store the food grains. Thereafter the food grains are being lifted from the nearest Public Distribution Centre by the authorized representative of the identified schools.
- The contingent paid workers were originally assigned the job of cooking but now for this purpose cook-cum-helpers have been engaged and assigned the job of cooking.
- The necessary expenses on account of implementation of the Mid-day Meal Scheme are being met out of the funds in the ratio of **75:25** as Central and State Share for Cooking Cost, Honorarium to Cook cum Helpers and construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores.

1.1 Management structure.

The MDM scheme is being implemented in the State by Director School Education Jammu/Kashmir to ensure the transparency of the Scheme. The following management Committees at Divisional/District/Zonal level has also been constituted: -

- (A) The Divisional Level Committee headed by one Joint Director from the respective Directorate of School Education.
- (B) The District Level Committee headed by Principal DIET of the respective District.
- (C) The Zonal Level Committee headed by one Principal of +2 institution of the respective zone to be nominated by the Chief Education Officer of the concerned District.

In addition, the monitoring of the MDM Scheme has been brought under the control of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Village Education Committees

1.2 Process of Plan Formulation.

The process of plan formulation started from the school level. The SMC/VLC members were consulted while formulating plan at school level. The school level plan got consolidated at the Zonal level under the supervision of the Zonal Education Officer of the respective zone. The Zonal level plan got consolidated at the District level by the Chief Education Officer. After the District Level consolidation, the Plan is consolidated at the Divisional level under the supervision of Director School Education (J/K) and then consolidated at the State Level.

2. Description and assessment of the programme implemented in the current year (2014-15) and proposal for next year (2015-16) with reference to:

During the current year 2014-15, a total number of 23166 Schools have been covered (13435 Primary and 9731 Upper Primary) with the children coverage of 1068831 (721010 Primary and 347821 U Primary) upto ending of December 2014 and the next Financial Year 2015-16 the same coverage is proposed.

2.1 Regularity and wholesomeness of mid - day meals served to children; reasons for pogramme interruptions, if any and planning to minimize them.

The mid-day meal was regularly served to the children during the current financial year 2014-15 with some minor interruptions caused by the natural calamities such as floods in the State. For the next financial year (2015-16) the scheme will be implemented without any interruption subject to the availability of funds.

| S.No | Day | Name of the Commodity/Item to be served | | |
|------|-----------|---|--|--|
| 1 | Monday | a.) Pulses (e.g Arhar Dal,) | | |
| | | b.) Potato, Tamato, Onion(Mixed) | | |
| 2 | Tuesday | a.) Pulses (e.g Rumhaa Dal, /Masoor Dal) | | |
| 2 | | b.) Seasonal Vegetables(Combined at least three) | | |
| 3 | Wednesday | a) Pulses (e.g. Rajma Dal. /Channa Dal) | | |
| 5 | | b) Nutri and Tomatos(Mixed) | | |
| 4 | Thursday | a)Pulses (e.g. Moong Dal,) | | |
| 4 | | b)Potato, Onion, Tamato(Mixed) | | |
| 5 | Friday | a) Meat/ Cheese | | |
| 5 | | b) Seasonal Leafy Vegetables (Mixed) | | |
| 6 | Saturday | a) Pulses (e.g. Beans/ Choola dal) | | |
| 0 | | b) Mixed leafy vegetables (Combination of three) | | |

2.2 Details about weekly Menu.

2.2.1 Weekly Menu – Day wise

2.2.2 Additional Food items provided (fruits/milk/any other items), if any

An additional food item like eggs is being served in most of the schools.

2.2.3 Usage of Double Fortified Salt

The Directors implementing the Scheme in the State were instructed to use the Double Fortified Salt in all the Schools and the necessary instructions be conveyed to the School Level

2.2.4 At what level menu is being decided / fixed. As per the guidelines, the School management Committee decides the daily menu in the School as per their requirement.

2.2.5 Provision of local variation in the menu. The variation in local menu arises due to different geographical locations.

2.2.6 Timings for serving of Mid-Day Meal at school level.

The general timings for serving of mid day meal at school level is between 1:00pm to 1:30pm.

2.3 Foodgrains management,

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

The foodgrains were lifted by the Zonal/School authorities from the nearest outlets of the State CA&PD before 25th of each quarter by every Districts of the State.

2.3.2 System for ensuring lifting of FAQ foodgrains (Joint inspections at the time of lifting etc.)

During the course of meeting the FCI has clearly been directed to provide the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) foodgrains to the Schools.

2.3.3 Transportation and distribution,

Being the hilly topography of the State, the FCI/CA&PD cannot be deliver the foodgrains at the school doorstep in hilly & remote areas, however strict directions will be issued to the Directors in this behalf after consulting the CA&PD Deptt of the State.

2.3.4 Whether unspent balance of food grains with the schools is adjusted from the allocation of the respective schools,

The unspent balance of food grains has been adjusted from the allocation of the respective schools.

2.3.5 Number of schools receiving food grains at doorstep of school.

A large number of schools of the district are receiving foodgrains at the nearest CA&PD outlets except those schools functioning in far flung areas.

2.3.6 Storage facility at different levels,

The primary storage of food grains is provided by the CA&PD department. The schools after lifting the food grains from the CA&PD depots to store them in clean storage bins placed inside their kitchen sheds.

2.3.7 Challenges faced and plan to overcome them.

The rates for lifting of foodgrains should be enhanced from Rs. 1350/ per MTs as it is not sufficient because of the varied of topography of the State as the CA&PD Deptt charges more rates in hilly areas.

2.4 Payment of cost of foodgrains to FCI.

2.4.1 System for payment of cost of food grains to FCI,

Once the budget for foodgrains is received from the MHRD, GoI, and its Credits confirmed from the State Finance Department, the same is released to both the Directors of School Education implementing the programme in the State and then provided to the CEOs of the Districts for further payments to FCI through RTGS facility.

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

The pending bills of the FCI of current and previous years have been cleared and will be reflected in the 4^{th} QPR.

| (| Rs | In | La | khs |) |
|---|----|----|----|-----|----|
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| Bills raised by FCI | Payment to FCI | Unspent Balance | Pending bills of previous year |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 659.17 | 256.00 | 471.45 | 55.81 |

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

Due to the recent floods in the State in September, 2014, the meeting could not be held, however the same will be conducted with FCI quarterly.

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

The payment reconciliation is done at the time of release of foodgrains for the quarter received from the FCI. The advance payment or pending payment is duly entered into the bill received for a particular quarter.

2.4.5 Relevant issues regarding payment to FCI.

The main issue regarding payment to FCI arises while drawing the bill from the District treasury Office. The delay caused at district treasury to draw the amount sometimes even takes a month or so.

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)

After receiving the Central Share from the MHRD, Gol, the credit confirmation is sought from the State Finance Deptt and the same are released to Directors (Jammu/Kashmir) for its disbursement to Districts/ Zones for implementing the Scheme in Schools. The State Share against the Central Share is released directly by the Planning and Development Department to the DDCs concerned under the Districts Plan. The e-transfer of funds to the schools is under process and will be covered by the state during the current year.

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

The date of the funds received/released is given in table AT-23 of AWP&B 2015-16.

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

In this regard, the Chief Secretary of the State will be requested to direct the State Finance Deptt to get the credits confirmed within 10 days from the date of its submission for further release to schools to implement the MDM Scheme.

2.6 Cook-cum-helpers

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

The payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers is made by the Zonal Education Officers via e-transfer using invoices in almost all the schools.

2.6.2 Rate of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers,

The rate of honorarium to Cook Cum Helpers is Rs. 1000/ per month (75: 25) ratio between central/State Share for 10 months only.

- **2.6.3** Number of cook-cum-helpers having bank accounts Almost all cook-cum-helpers are having bank accounts.
- 2.6.4 Payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers through their bank accounts.

The payment of honorarium to Cook Cum Helpers is transferred at the Zonal level to their respective accounts through e-transfer.

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)

The cook-cum-helpers are being engaged by the concerned Zonal Education Officer in consultation with the headmaster and VEC members of the school.

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

There are no Provisions yet for health check-ups of Cook-cum-Helpers; however, a decision was taken in the State Level Steering cum Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 23.03.2015 in which the officers of the State Health Deptt were directed for having the health checkup of CCH.

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

The wearing of head gears and gloves will be provided to the CCH during the current year and directions in this behalf have been issued to the Directors. A separate MME Plan has been formulated and attached with the plan for the current financial year.

2.6.8 Modalities for apportionment of cook-cum-helpers engaged at school level and working at centralized kitchens, in case of schools being served through centralized kitchens,

No centralized kitchen is available as yet in the state.

- 2.7 Procurement and storage of cooking ingredients and condiments
 - 2.7.1 System for procuring (good quality Agmark / FPO) pulses, vegetables including leafy ones, salt, condiments, etc. and other commodities.

The concerned heads of the schools are procuring (good quality Agmark / FPO) pulses, vegetables including leafy ones, salt, condiments, etc. and other commodities themselves.

2.7.2 Whether FIFO method has been adopted in usage of pulses and condiments etc. or not.

The FIFO method is properly being adopted in usage of pulses and condiments etc, The new pulses and condiments etc. are purchased only after exhausting the old ones.

2.7.3 Arrangements for safe storage of ingredients and condiments in kitchens.

The ingredients and condiments are stored in air tight containers to ensure their safe storage in the kitchens.

2.8 System for cooking, serving and supervising mid-day meals in the school and measures to prevent any untoward happening.

The food is being cooked in **hygienic** conditions. The cooked food is first tasted by a teacher incharge MDM to ensure its quality. Before serving the meals, the children are advised to properly **wash their hands**.

2.9 Kitchen-cum-stores.

2.9.1 Procedure and status of construction of kitchen-cum-store,

Out of 11815 sanctioned kitchens cum store, the state has completed 6386 and the balance of 5429 kitchen cum store will be completed within next three months.

2.9.2 The reasons for slow pace construction of kitchen cum stores, if applicable

The targets have not been achieved due to recent floods disturbance during 2014-15 and the same shall be achieved within next three months.

2.9.3 Whether any standardized model of kitchen cum stores is used for construction.

There is a proper model of kitchen cum store as recommended by the SSA engineering wing. To achieve the balance targets of kitchen cum store, the state will consider to adopt the pattern of Maharastra state as their financial implication involved for the construction is economical.

2.9.4 Details of the construction agency and role of community in this work.

The kitchen-cum-stores allotted to the District are constructed under SSA norms through VLC committee. The construction is properly monitored by the SSA Engineering Wing of the District.

2.9.5 Kitchen cum stores constructed through convergence, if any

6657 kitchen-cum-stores have been constructed through convergence under State Plan.

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

During 2014-15, no kitchen-cum-stores have been constructed. The back log of 5429 kitchen cum stores shall be covered within three months of 2015-16.

2.10 Kitchen Devices

2.10.1 Procedure of procurement of kitchen devices from funds released under the Mid Day Meal Programme.

The funds for kitchen devices are released to the schools through their respective Zonal Education Officers and the procurement is done at the School Level.

2.10.2 Procedure of procurement of kitchen devices from funds released under the other sources.

Procurement of kitchen devices is made from the funds released from the MHRD only and not from the other sources of the state.

2.10.3 Availability of eating plates. Source of funding of eating plates

Eating plates are available in almost all schools which are purchased from the Kitchen Devices funds and sometimes from MME funds released by the MHRD, Gol.

2.11 Capacity building and training for different stakeholders

2.11.1 Details of the training programme conducted for cook-cum-helpers, State level officials, SMC members, school teachers and others stakeholders

No such training has been conducted during the year 2014-15.

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

Not initiated as yet

2.11.3 Targets for the next year.

The training programme of the Cook-cum-Helpers, State level officials, SMC members, school teachers and others stakeholders will be initiated during 2015-16.

2.12 Management Information System at School, Block, and District level and its details.

2.12.1 Procedure followed for data entry into MDM-MIS Web portal

The data entry into MDM-MIS Web Portal is done at the Block/Zonal Level after receiving the monthly forms filled up by the concerned schools.

2.12.2 Level (State/ District/ Block/ School) at which data entry is made

The data entry into MDM-MIS Web Portal is done at the Block/Zonal Level after receiving the monthly forms filled up by the concerned schools.

2.12.3 Availability of manpower for web based MIS

There is very less manpower available for web based MIS at District/Zonal/Block Level. However, the matter was discussed in the SLSMC meeting for engagement of 226 Data Entry Operators at different level (State/Divisional/Districts/Zone). Besides, a separate MME Plan as per the guidelines of MHRD, Gol has been framed and attached with the AWP&B 2015-16 for its approval in PAB.

2.12.4 Mechanism for ensuring timely data entry and quality of data

The Block/Zonal Level authority ensures timely data entry and quality of data.

2.12.5 Whether MIS data is being used for monitoring purpose and details thereof.

State has been doing monitoring at different levels and MIS data is also being used for this purpose.

2.13 Systems to ensure transparency, accountability and openness in all aspects of programme implementation,

To ensure transparency in implementing the programme, the Divisional level authorities are monitoring the programme at Divisional level, CEO's/DIET Principal at District level and ZEO/ZEPO at zonal level.

2.13.1 Display of logo, entitlement of children and other information at a prominent visible place in school

Most of the schools are displaying logo of MDM and MDM Menu at a prominent visible place in the school.

- 2.13.2 Dissemination of information through MDM website
 - Not initiated as yet.
- 2.13.3 Provisions for community monitoring at school level i.e. Mother Roaster, Inspection register,

There is no such provision for community at school level. However, the VEC members are properly monitoring the MDM scheme at school level.

2.13.4 Tasting of meals by community members,

The meals are tasted by the teacher incharge MDM regularly and sometimes by the VECs members at the school level.

2.13.5 Conducting Social Audit

Social Audit has not been conducted in the State as yet. However, the scheme has been audited during the current year by the Audit Team of the Accountant General, J&K.

2.14 Measures taken to rectify

2.14.1 Inter-district low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost

There is no such low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost.

2.14.2 Intra-district mismatch in utilization of food grains and cooking cost. There is no such mismatch in utilization of food grains and cooking cost.

2.14.3 Delay in delivering cooking cost at school level.

The funds under the Cooking Cost component are released after seeking the Credits from the Finance Deptt for all the components which caused delay in delivering the Cooking Cost to the School level.

2.14.4 Delay in payment to FCI

As soon as the funds are received from the MHRD, Gol and its credit confirmation from the State Finance Deptt, the same are released to the implementing agencies for payment of bills to the FCI.The delay in payment to FCI is sometimes caused due to non drawal of bills from the treasury.

2.14.5 Mismatch of data reported through various sources (QPR, AWP& B, MIS etc)

Whenever a mismatch of data is found in QPRs etc, the MDM incharge of concerned Directorate is consulted to correct the same. Sometimes the mismatch of MIS data is due to lack of manpower in the state which will be materialized during the current financial year by engaging the DEOs.

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

No evaluation study on MDM has been conducted by the State as yet.

2.16 Write up on best/ innovative practices followed in the State.

All students, irrespective of their caste, creed and religion take the MDM together in the schools and thus spread a message of common brotherhood and also imbibe good traditions of the Indian society amongst the Students. Participation of the women particularly the cooks in cooking and serving to the children/students is very good practice. It has also enforced the accountability of teachers towards society to impart quality education to students. In some of the places, the students have been motivated to produce the vegetables by making use of available land in the schools effectively. This will not only make the school self sustainable but would also include the habit of self—reliance amongst the students. Students have been motivated to wash their hands before and after taking the meal and for the same every school has been provided handwash/Soaps. Use of double fortified salt with iron and iodine has been made mandatory in the schools. Kheer as sweet dish has been introduced in the schools on one day in the week along with the regular needs

2.17 Untoward incidents

- **2.17.1 Instances of unhygienic food served, children falling ill.** No such incident has been occurred in the State.
- 2.17.2 Sub-standard supplies,

No sub standard supplies are supplied/ Utilized by the schools.

2.17.3 Diversion/ misuse of resources,

No Diversion/ misuse of resources have been made in the State.

2.17.4 Social discrimination

There is no Social Discrimination among the Children in the State.

2.14.3 Action taken and safety measures adopted to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

The Health Department and CA & PD Deptt are being repeatedly requested for conducting regular meetings with Education Department and to review the implementation of MDM scheme. Besides, regular health checkups and medicines are being provided regularly to the children and also good quality of food grains are being served to the students.

2.18 Quality of food

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

Before serving the MDM to children, it is properly tasted by incharge teachers of the schools and details entered into the register.

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

No such lab for testing of food samples is available. However, the food samples are tested by the Health Officers of Health Deptt.

2.18.3 Engagement of NABL labs for the testing of Meals.

No NABL lab is engaged as yet.

2.19 Involvement of NGOs / Trusts.

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

No NGO/Trusts has been engaged.

- 2.19.2 Whether NGOs/ Trusts are serving meal in rural areas No NGO/Trusts has been engaged
- 2.19.3 Maximum distance and time taken for delivery of food from centralized kitchen and school

No NGO/Trusts has been engaged.

- 2.19.4 Measures taken to ensure delivery of hot cooked meals to schools No NGO/Trusts has been engaged.
- 2.19.5 Testing of food samples at centralized kitchens Not applicable.

2.20 Status of Rastriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (School Health Programme)

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

The coverage of School Health Programme and providing of **micro-nutrients, Vitamin-A, de-worming medicine, Iron and Folic acid (WIFS), Zinc** to the Children as detailed in table AT-21 of AWP&B 2015-16. However, during the course of SLSMC meeting, the chairman has directed the health department to hold the meeting of the CMO's and directed to cover all the schools under School Health programme.

2.20.2 Distribution of spectacles to children with refractive error,

504 schools have been visited for impaired vision and spectacles have been given to 456 students.

2.20.3 Recording of height, weight etc.

The height and weight of the children are being recorded by the Medical Officers while doing the health checkups in the school.

2.14.4 Number of visits made by the RBSK team for the health check- up of the children.

9436 Schools have been visited by the RBSK team covering 530392 Children.

2.21 Present monitoring structure at various levels. Strategy for establishment of monitoring cell at various levels viz. Block and District level for effective monitoring of the scheme.

Presently the Scheme is monitored at the Divisional/District/Zonal Level under the composition of following committees constituted: -

- <u>Divisional Level Committee</u> headed by one Joint Director from the respective Directorate of School Education.
- <u>District Level Committee</u> headed by Principal DIET of the respective District.
- <u>Zonal Level Committee</u> headed by one Principal of +2 institution of the respective zone to be nominated by the Chief Education Officer of the concerned District.
- In addition, the monitoring of the MDM Scheme has been brought under the control of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Village Education Committees

- 2.22 Meetings of Steering cum Monitoring Committees at the Block, District and State Level.
 - 2.22.1 Number of meetings held at various level and gist of the issues discussed in the meeting,

Monthly meetings are being conducted at district/zonal level during the current financial year. However, at the State Level the **Steering cum Monitoring Committees** is once being held to review the implementation of the scheme. During the current year the meeting was convened on **23.03.2015** under the Chairmanship of **Principal Secretary to Govt.**, **Planning & Development Department**, J&K, wherein the AWP&B, 2015-16 was approved. All the issues in implementing the MDM Scheme are being discussed e.g. School Health programmes, Delay in receiving food grains, etc.

2.22.2. Action taken on the decisions taken during these meetings.

The heads of the concerned departments have been appraised to take the necessary actions by their respective departments regarding the issues discussed in the meetings for implementing the MDM Scheme.

2.23 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.

In some districts, the meeting was held under the chairmanship of Member Parliament of the district are being held and the scheme is monitored and accordingly the action on the decision taken is being taken and communicated to the field functionaries.

2.24 Arrangement for official inspections to MDM centers/schools and percentage of schools inspected and summary of findings and remedial measures taken.

The District Education Institute and Trgs (DIET) have been entrusted the responsibility to ensure that all schools are covered by them with the objective to know the status of the implementation of the MDM scheme and remedial measures are to be taken by the respective Chief Education Officer.

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

At divisional level, the Director School Education Kashmir/Jammu takes strong action in case of any complaint at school level.

2.26 Details of the Contingency Plan to avoid any untoward incident. Printing of important phone numbers (e.g. Primary health centre, hospital, fire brigade etc.) on the wall of school building.

Till now there is no contingency plan worked out. However, the important phone numbers has been printed on the walls/Boards of the school buildings.

2.27 Grievance Redressal Mechanism

2.27.1 Details regarding Grievance Redressal at all levels,

Grievances are Redressed at the school/block/zone/District Level. A separate grievance cell will be nominated by the state during the current year to redress the grievances at the school level.

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

No such complaints have been received so far. In some cases, the grievances have been redressed by the Zonal/school level authorities

2.27.3 Time schedule for disposal of complaints,

No fixed time schedule has been framed for disposal of complaints.

2.27.4 Details of action taken on the complaints.

The complaint, if any are being taken care off by the Directors at the Divisional level.

2.28 Details regarding Awareness Generation & IEC activities and Media campaign, carried out at District/Block/School level.

No Awareness Generation & IED activities and media campaign has been carried out.

2.29 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 programme is being implemented in the State in its true spirit. In order to fulfill the objectives of the scheme the funds need to be released in time. The honorarium to cook cum helpers needs to be enhanced from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 3000 per month for 12 months instead of 10 months. Besides, the transportation cost provided for lifting of food grains is insufficient as it costs more in the hilly areas, so it needs to be enhanced.

2.30 Contribution by the community in the form of Tithi Bhojan or any other similar practices in the State/UTs

The contribution by the community in the form of Thithi Bhojan or other practices doesn't exist in the State. However, the same will be taken care of during the current year and directions in this regard will be issued to the implementing agency for the same.

2.31 Any other issues and suggestions.

The State has prepared a separate MME Plan for the implementing the scheme smoothly and to initiate some important issues like Media Campaign, testing of Samples through reputed labs and monitoring of the scheme regularly. Engagement of Data Entry Operators for uploading the School wise Data regularly which need the approval from the MHRD, Gol.
