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#### 1. Introduction:

##### 1.1 Brief history

Education plays a vital and important role in fulfilling the basic needs of a common man viz food, shelter and clothing. The main aim of Education is to prepare and develop the individual physically, mentally and spiritually to lead a quality life. Education is a process through which a person can attain the necessary competencies and skills to face the challenges and to survive. According to the 93<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment, primary education is a **Fundamental Right (Article 21A)**. Four important factors are identified for achieving the goal of **Education for all**. They are **Access** to Education, **Enrolment** of children, and **Retention** of the enrolled children and **Achievement**.

Various schemes were implemented in the primary education sector by the Government to reach the most disadvantaged population and thereby to achieve the above goals. Access to Primary Education with quality is being provided through centrally sponsored **Samagra Siksha Abhiyan**. In spite of this, a few children are still deprived of Primary Education due to inability of the parents to send their children to school due to their poor economical status. For these parents, sending their children to school means - incurring extra financial burden of feeding them.

That being the attitude of the parents the only way of bringing them to school is to take care of their food and nutritional needs.

Without satisfying this basic need, needs of higher order are difficult to reach. The most important de-motivating factor in this aspect is the poor nutritional status of children. Hence, supplementing the required nutrition should be the priority to draw their attention to education.

**On 15 August 1995** Government of India launched the **National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education**. As per this Programme each child **was** provided with, 3 kgs of rice per month for 10 months in a year. The Government of Jharkhand implemented the same in class I to V in the State.

Consequent to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's direction in 2001 to provide **Cooked Meal** to children, the State Government of Jharkhand launched the **cooked**

**Mid Day Meal Programme** to all Primary School children in Government, Local body and Government Aided Schools. Subsequently it was extended to children enrolled

under Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS), Madarsa/ Makhtab and Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) Centers.

## **1.2 Management structure**

**State level** - Mid Day Meal Scheme in Jharkhand is implemented by the Department of Human Resource Development which is headed by Principal Secretary at the State level. The Principal Secretary is assisted by Director, Primary Education and Director, Jharkhand State MDM Authority.

**District level** – At the district level District Superintendent of Education is responsible for implementation of MDMs. District Superintendent of Education is assisted by Deputy Superintendent of Education.

**Block level** – Block Education Extension Officer is responsible for implementation of MDMs at block level.

**School level** – Saraswati Vahini is the main agency to implement the mid day meal scheme at school level. It is a subcommittee of School Management Committee and consists of mothers whose children are studying in that particular school. The cooking of meal and distribution of cooked meal has been assigned to a group of active parent mothers identified amongst the member of Saraswati Vahini.

## **1.3 Process of Plan Formulation at State and District level.**

Plan for the MDM scheme is prepared by adopting bottom up approach starting from School to District and State level.

A system has been developed to collect monthly, quarterly and yearly data regularly for smooth running of MDM Scheme. For formulation of plan, Block Education Extension Officer of every block collects the data from every school and after compiling it at block level, it is submitted to District Superintendent of Education at district level. District Superintendent of Education compiles it at district level and after that State plan is formulated. During compilation of plan at state level, monthly and quarterly reports of the districts are also taken for assessment of the data, submitted by the districts. After compilation of data received from the districts, meeting of Districts Superintendent of Education is held and appraisal of district level plans and data of districts are checked for any inconsistency and any error therein is corrected and then State Plan is finalized and after approval of State level MDM Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee forwarded to Government of India for necessary action.

## **2. Description and assessment of the programme implemented in the current year (2020-21) and proposal for next year (2021-22) with reference to:**

### **2.1 Regularity and wholesomeness of mid-day meals served to children; interruptions if any and the reasons therefor problem areas for regular serving of meals and action taken to avoid Interruptions in future.**

Mid Day Meal Programme is being run in all the eligible schools/institutions in the State with **Zero Tolerance**. Directions have been issued to all the districts and their schools that mid-day-meal shall not be stopped in any case. All out effort is made to keep the menu of mid-day-meal as per the interest of the children and to ensure that the mid-day-meal is full of nutritive value. For additional nutrition in mid day meal to children, Government of Jharkhand is providing eggs/fruits to children twice a week. It has been decided to provide milk in place of fruits if available and as per demand. Order vide letter no 232 dated 04.02.2019 is issued.

## 2.2 System for cooking, serving and supervising mid-day-meals in the schools:

In the schools, Mid Day Meal is prepared by the cook, which is monitored by the chairman of the school management committee and mata samiti. Before serving the prepared mid-day meals between the children, it is first tasted by the teacher and students are fed in a row tied manner.

## 2.3 Details about weekly Menu.

### 2.3.1 Weekly Menu – Day wise

Sl.No	Days	School Timing	Mid Day Meal (01:30 PM to 02:00 PM) Saturday (11:00 AM to 11:30 AM)
1	Monday	From 08:00 AM to 02:00 PM	Rice, Dal and Green Vegetables
2	Tuesday	From 08:00 AM to 02:00 PM	Rice, Chola or Chana Sabji
3	Wednesday	From 08:00 AM to 02:00 PM	Veg Pulao (Green Vegetables and Soya bean Burry/ Rice and Dal
4	Thursday	From 08:00 AM to 02:00 PM	Rice, Dal and Green Vegetables
5	Friday	From 08:00 AM to 02:00 PM	Rice, Dal and Green Vegetables
6	Saturday	From 08:00 AM to 11:30 PM	Khichedi/ Fried rice (green vegetables)/ Soya bean Burry, Enriched with Palak) and Achar with padad

### 2.3.2 Additional Food items provided (fruits/milk/any other items), if any from State/UT resources. Frequency of their serving along with per unit cost per day.

Menu is flexible with Rice, dal, green vegetables being the main menu with egg/bananas a week. The implementing agencies cook using the seasonally available vegetables. The meal provided is checked at random by various officials visiting schools. Whenever the quantity/quality is not as per the guidelines, suitable action is initiated against the concerned. All the eligible children are covered under this programme. To ensure that eggs/ banana is served to children elaborate guidelines have been issued. For additional nutrition in mid day meal to children, Government of Jharkhand is providing eggs/ fruits to children twice a week.

### 2.3.3 Usage of Double Fortified Salt,

Double fortified salt is not available in Jharkhand. After availability the usage will be introduced under mid day meal scheme.

### 2.3.4 At what level menu is being decided / fixed,

Menu for mid day meal has been scientifically made after consultation with all the districts represented by Saraswati Vahini Chairman, Sanyojika, Parents, Children, Teachers, District and Block Level Functionaries and

experts of nutrition. The content of menu has been kept keeping in view of its dietary value and taste of the children of Jharkhand.

**2.3.5 Provision of local variation in the menu, Inclusion of locally available ingredients/ items in the menu as per the liking/taste of the children**

Menu is flexible with Rice, dal, green vegetables being the main menu with egg/ bananas a week. All the districts have been directed vide letter no. 435 dated 04.03.14 to add variety in MDM menu in order to enhance the nutrition density proportion. Saraswati Vahinies are revising their menu keeping in view of the local taste and nutritional value decided by Gol.

**2.3.6 Time of serving meal.**

Mid day meal is being served at school level between 1.30 PM to 2.00 PM on week days Monday to Friday and on Saturday between 11.00 AM to 11.30 AM.

**2.4 Fund Flow Mechanism - System for release of funds (Central share and State share).**

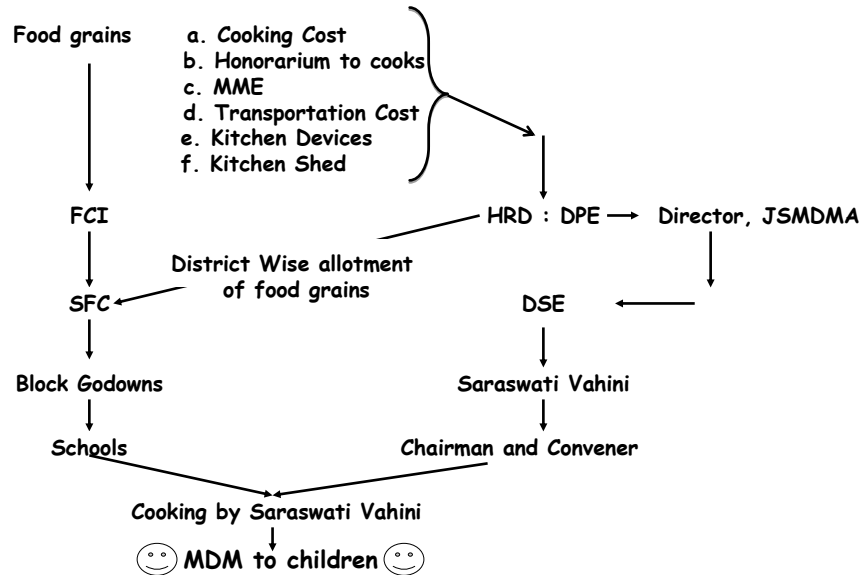
**2.4.1 Existing mechanism for release of funds up to school/ implementing agency levels.**

The state government releases the allotment provided under different activities of MDM (Central and State share) under the sanctioned budget in State Budget. Director, Primary Education draws the allotted amount from the State Treasury on the basis of authority letter issued by the Accountant General, Jharkhand. Director, Primary Education draws the amount accordingly released by Gol for MDM Scheme and sends the same to the account of Jharkhand State Mid-Day-Meal Authority (JSMDMA). The Director of JSMDMA transfers the fund to the Districts MDM account on the basis of the demand and needs of districts as per actual children covered under MDM through PFMS System.

The District Superintendent of Education of the concerned district E-transfers the amount received to individual accounts of Saraswati Vahini on the basis of actual no. of students serving MDM and keeping in view of the norms of the MDM through PFMS/RTGS.

The Saraswati Vahini Chairman and Sanyojika of Saraswati Vahini jointly withdraw the amount from the account of the Saraswati Vahini on fortnightly basis to meet the needs of fuels, condiments, oils and vegetables etc. The visual depiction is given as below -

## Flow of funds and Food grains



### 2.4.2 Mode of release of funds at different levels,

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

Detailed is Included in AT-2A of AWP&B 2021-22 Format.

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

PFMS (Public Financial Management System) is introduced in Jharkhand. For this reason, the set up of PFMS at state and district level took time due

to discontinuity of PFMS server. This is further being extended up to school level.

**2.4.5 In case of delay in release of funds from State/ Districts, how the scheme has been implemented by schools/ implementing agencies.**

The school has been instructed that if the amount is not available under the Head of Mid-Day Meal Scheme, then any amount of money in the school can be used to run mid day meal continuously.

**2.4.6 Initiatives taken by the State for pre-positioning of funds with the implementing agencies in the beginning of the year, like creation of corpus funds, adoption of green channel scheme, advance release of State share etc.**

For the purpose of continuity in MDM scheme State Government arrange to release advance funds from his own sources to the district implementing agency.

**2.5 Food grains management,**

**2.5.1 Time lines for lifting of food grains from FCI Depot- District wise lifting calendar of food grains.**

<b>Quarterly grains lifting</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>period of lifting</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	April-June	1 <sup>st</sup> March to 31 <sup>st</sup> May.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	July-September	1 <sup>st</sup> June to 31 <sup>st</sup> August.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	October-December	1 <sup>st</sup> September to 30 <sup>th</sup> November.
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	January-March	1 <sup>st</sup> December to 28 <sup>th</sup> February.

**2.5.2 System for ensuring lifting of FAQ food grains (Joint inspections at the time of lifting etc.).**

The problems regarding the availability of food grains, quality etc; are being addressed in the meeting with the officials of Food Corporation of India, Deputy Commissioner, Civil Supplies and Primary Education Department. Senior officials of these departments regularly visit at the time of allocating the rice by the Food Corporation of India. The quality of the food grain lifted is monitored by joint inspection of the grain being lifted by representative of FCI, Deputy Commissioner and District Superintendent of Education. The grain of FAQ is only allowed by the inspecting team for lifting under mid-day-meal.

**2.5.3 Is there any incident when FAQ food grain was not provided by FCI. If so, the action taken by the State/District to get such food grain replaced with FAQ food grain. How the food grain of FAQ was**



**provided to implementing agencies till replacement of inferior quality of food grain from FCI was arranged.**

No such case reported in Jharkhand.

**2.5.4 System for transportation and distribution of food grains.**

The GoJ has nominated State Food Corporation (SFC) to lift the grain from FCI to block level as per the demand based on the need of the serving children of the school. The FCI issue Release Order (RO) and on the basis of the RO the grain is lifted from FCI to block level for which transportation cost is paid to the SFC as per state norms. From block level under the supervision of Block Education Officer, the grains are transported from Block godown to schools by their respective Saraswati Vahini. Transportation rate as per the SOR fixed by GOI is Rs.117.50 per Quintel from FCI godown to school. Door step delivery has been applied for regular rice pick-up and uninterrupted running of Mid day Meal. Currently, door step delivery has been arranged in Four districts eg. Dhanbad, Latehar, Lohardaga & Godda.

**2.5.5 Whether unspent balance of food grains with the schools is adjusted from the allocation of the respective implementing agencies (Schools/ SHGs/ Centralized Kitchens) Number of implementing agencies receiving food grains at doorstep level.**

During future allocation of food grains, the balance food grains available with the school are deducted before giving next allocation of food grains.

**2.5.6 Storage facility at different levels in the State/ District/ Blocks /Implementing agencies after lifting of food grains from FCI depot.**

The grains from FCI godowns are lifted by state food corporation and stored at block headquarters godowns given by block administration. But need is felt for constructing separate storage godowns for MDM grains. From block headquarters storage godowns the grains are lifted by school Saraswati Vahini and the lifted grains are stored in MDM kitchen shed or if need additional storage created in the school keeping view of the number of children and quantity of grains. The standard operating guidelines given for storage by Government of India and state MDM cell for its safe storage. The first cum first out policy is followed to ensure that the children get the fresh grains. Storage bins are kept in schools for safe storage. Safety measures pest control and insecticides are used for safe storage.

**2.5.7 Challenges faced and plan to overcome them.**

Storage of food grains is taken care of by the Headmaster and Implementing Agency. There is a need for storage place in some schools. The kitchen sheds are provided with storage facilities like storage bins, proper racks etc to overcome the storage problems.

## 2.6 Payment of cost of food grains to FCI.

### 2.6.1 System for payment of cost of food grains to FCI; whether payments made at district level or State level

Allocation of funds from Government of India are sanctioned and released to the Dept. of Education. Director, Primary Education draws the allotted amount from the State Treasury on the basis of Authority letter issued by the Accountant General, Jharkhand. Director, Primary Education draws the amount released by Gol for MDM Scheme and sends the same to the account of JSMDMA. Director, JSMDMA paid up to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020-21. The bills of the food grains as raised by the FCI against lifting of the grains by the district after reconciliation of lifting report and the bills generated by FCI. Now bill is being paid by District Authority (DSEs).

### 2.6.2 Status of pending bills of FCI of the previous year(s) and the reasons for pendency.

The pending bills of previous year of FCI is given below as per the letter of FCI dated 28.01.2020

pending bills till 2016-17	bills pending 2017-18	bills pending 2018-19	bills pending 2019-20	Total pending bills
0.385 Cr.	7.64 Cr.	21.33 Cr.	14.02	43.37 Cr.

Again the pending bills has been submitted as on 30.04.2021 Vide Gol F.No.10-10/2011-Desk(MDM) Dated 22.06.2021 is given below-

ending bills till 2016-17	bills pending 2017-18	bills pending 2018-19	bills pending 2019-20	bills pending 2020-21	Total pending bills
0.6259 Cr.	8.592 Cr.	22.98 Cr.	0.002 Cr.	26.40 Cr.	58.599 Cr.

### 2.6.3 Timelines for liquidating the pending bills of previous year(s).

Reconciliation at State level is in progress. The issue was raised before state steering-cum-Monitoring committee also it has been decided to first of all examine pending bills for the years 2018-19, 2017-18 & 2016-17. The matter of the rest years will be taken of thereafter. In Compliance, Meeting with FCI Officials have been conducted and issue of pending amount for the years from 2016-17 to 2018-19 has been resolved.

### 2.6.4 Whether meetings are held regularly in the last week of the month by the District Nodal Officers with FCI as per guidelines dated 10.02.2010 to resolve the issues relating to lifting, quality of food grains and payment of bills.

Direction has been given to all District Superintendent of Education for meeting with FCI on the issues of lifting, quality of food grains and payment of pending bills. On regular basis interaction with FCI authority done at

director level by the state Nodal Officer. Any issues of concern are sorted out with consultations and mutual understanding.

**2.6.5 Whether the District Nodal Officers are submitting the report of such meeting to State Head quarter by 7<sup>th</sup> of next month.**

No, the District nodal Officers are not submitting the report of such meeting to State Head quarter.

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

The FCI submits bills against lifting of grains to the District Level Nodal Officers of MDM that is office of District Superintendent of Educations. The DSE's in turn get it reconciliated with the actual lifting of grains by the Block level officials of Education Department (BEEOs) from the Release Order memos of every block. After this the Nodal Office of the MDM that is DSE's sends its officials to reconcile the bills raised by FCI and the amount due for payment against bills raised is verified and then payment is made against allotment of funds by District.

**2.6.7 Relevant issues regarding payment to FCI.**

FCI often refuse to release food grains on pretext of non-payment of cost of food grains. The FCI demands for arrear dues of payment of food grains cost of preceding years. In absence of matching grant of allotment of funds for food grains by the Government of India, Department of School Education and Literacy. The Gol gives allotment only for the current year. This results in some interruptions due to non-release of grains by FCI on time as per allotment of grains to the district.

Hence it is requested to the Department of School Education and Literacy, Gol to release arrear dues of payment for food grains, so this issue could be sorted out. It is also requested that at the level of the Gol, MDM Directorate instructions should be given to FCI authorities at National Level that in no case the release of grains by FCI at state level be stopped against some delay in payment of cost of food grains.

**2.6.8 Whether there is any delay in payment of cost of food grains to FCI and steps taken to rectify the same.**

Efforts are being made for 100% payment of pending liability of cost of food grains to FCI.

**2.7 Cook-cum-helpers**

**2.7.1 Whether the State follows the norms prescribed by MHRD for the engagement of cook-cum-helpers or it has its own norms.**

Yes, the state follows the norm prescribed by MHRD for engagement of CCH and it don't have its own norms

**2.7.2 In case, the State follows different norms, the details of norms followed may be indicated.**

The selection of cooks is done by Saraswati Vahini headed by VEC chairman. The cooks are amongst the members of mata samiti i.e. mothers of children studying in that particular school. The cooks are selected as per the norms of the MDMs, Gol which is as follow –

1. upto 25 children - One cook
2. 26-100 – Two Cooks
3. on every additional 100 after 100 – one cook

The appointing authority of cook and helpers is Saraswati Vahini after approval of the Saraswati Vahini Sanchalan Samiti a sub committee of School Management Committee. In Jharkhand there is no bar on selection of cooks on the basis of caste, creed, religion or gender.

**2.7.3 Is there any difference in the number of cook-cum-helpers eligible for engagement as per norms and the CCH actually engaged?**

No there is not any difference in the number of cook-cum-helpers eligible for engagement as per norms and the CCH actually engaged.

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

The allotment of funds as per the cooks serving in a district based on the enrollment and Gol norms to the districts. The districts in turn releases central and state share namely Rs. 600 per month as central share and Rs.400 per month as state share as per the new sharing pattern and norms of Gol. The cooks are paid honorarium for 10 months per year as the schools are closed for about 2 months and more as holidays in schools.

Government of Jharkhand is providing additional Rs. 500 as honorarium to cook-cum-helper from the state share. This increase is effective from 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. Again taking inatitative Govt. of Jharkhand is providing additional amount of Rs. 500/- from the state resources since April 2020.

Hence a total of Rs. 600 per month as Central Share and Rs. 1400 per month as state share is being provided and thus Cooks are getting total remuneration of Rs. 2000/- per month for 10 months in the year.

**2.7.5 Whether the CCH were paid on monthly basis.**

Yes. A cook is paid Rs. 2000 per month in which Rs. 600 per month as central share and Rs.1400 per month as state share. Every cook is paid for 10 months in a year.

**2.7.6 Whether there was any instance regarding irregular payment of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers and reason thereof. Measures taken to rectify the problem.**

No such cases reported till date.

**2.7.7 Rate of honorarium to cook-cum-helpers,**

Central Share	State Share	Additional State Fund	Total
600.00	400.00	1000.00	2000.00

**2.7.8 Number of cook-cum-helpers having bank accounts,**

78800 cook cum helpers have bank account i.e. 100%.

**2.7.9 Number of cook-cum-helpers receiving honorarium through their bank accounts,**

Number of cook-cum-helpers having bank account - 78800

No. of cases where payment is done through DBT – 55329

No. of cases where payment is done via NEFT - 23471

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

For the safe and hygiene cooking of mid day meal, it is necessary that periodic medical check-ups of cook-cum-helpers to be done. All the children studying in a school are covered under Health Department, School health and hygiene programme. The health workers visit the schools on monthly basis to check the health of the children and health card is maintained. During that period the cooks are also medically checked by the health workers. In case of any disease they are prohibited to cook the food under MDM and referred to local PHCs.

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

Advisory have been given to all the districts for ensuring cooks to wear head gears and gloves. The cooks are following this guideline and use to wear them. Monitoring is done on regular basis to ensure this.

**2.7.12 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,**

849 CCH are engaged at school level & separately cooks are engaged in centralized kitchen through NGO in the district of East Singhbhum & Saraikela Kharsawan to provide cooked meal through centralized kitchen. Details are included in AT-21 of AWP&B Format.

**2.7.13 Mechanisms adopted for the training of cook cum helpers. Total number of trained cook cum helpers engaged in the cooking of MDMs. Details of the training modules; Number of Master Trainers available in the State; Number of trainings organized by the Master Trainers for training cook-cum-helpers.**

At State level, 3 persons from each district have been trained as master trainer. After this these three master trainer's trained 3 persons from each block as master trainer. Again these three block level master trainers

trained 3 persons from each cluster of the block as master trainer. Further the cluster level master trainer trained the cook cum helpers of each cluster.

Total no. of trained cook cum helpers – 78800

Oneday refresher training through **Webinar** during 2020-21 has been given to Total no. of CCH – **63827**

Details attached herewith Table AT-10F

Number of Master Trainers available in the Block- 1714



**2.7.14 Whether any steps have been taken to enroll cook-cum-helpers under any social security schemes i.e Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana etc. and number of cooks benefitted through the same.**

Efforts are being made for enrollment of cook-cum-helpers under social security schemes. The same will be formulated in FY 2021-22.

**2.8 Procurement and storage of cooking ingredients and condiments**

**2.8.1 System for procuring good quality (pulses, vegetables including leafy ones, salt, condiments, oil etc. and other commodities.**

Instructions vide letter no. 144 dated 28.01.2014 have been issued to all districts for use of AGMARK or BSI mark ingredients under MDM and the same is being followed. Regular monitoring of this issue is being done from the State MDM cell.

**2.8.2 Whether pulses are being procured from NAFED or otherwise.**

In the Financial Year 2020-21 pulses are being procured at local level through the implementing agency SVSS.

**2.8.3 Whether First In and First out (FIFO) method has been adopted for using mdm ingredients such as pulses, oil/fats. Condiments salt etc. or not.**

Yes, the FIFO (First-in-First-out) method is being compulsorily followed in all the schools of Jharkhand.

#### **2.8.4 Arrangements for safe storage of ingredients and condiments in kitchens.**

The school kitchen is provided with storage facilities to overcome the storage problems. The food grains are stored in storage bins.

#### **2.8.5 Steps taken to ensure implementation of guidelines dated 13.02.2015 on food safety and hygiene in school level kitchens under Mid Day Meal Scheme.**

Every Saraswati Vahini chairman, sanyojika and cooks have been trained on the issue of safety, nutrition and hygiene of mid-day-meal based on SOPs given by GoJ. The Saraswati Vahini supervises the cooking of mid-day-meal by the cooks in the school. The headmaster of the school gives the daily attendance to the sanyojika and the sanyojika cooks the mid-day-meal as per the menu of the day and the no. of attendance of the day. The quality of food is checked by a member of Saraswati Vahini and a teacher of the school as per roaster before serving it to the children. If the food is found suitable then only it is served to the children and daily record maintained in the Swad Panji of the school. Social audit of the mid-day-meal is also done through Panchayati Raj representatives, members of VEC, SMC and guardians on regular basis.

#### **2.8.6 Information regarding dissemination of the guidelines up-to school level.**

Information regarding dissemination of the guidelines is passed through meetings, e-mails and whats-app group from state level to district and to block level.

### **2.9 Type of Fuel used for cooking of Mid-Day Meals –LPG, Smokeless Chulha, Coal etc.**

#### **2.9.1 Number of schools using LPG for cooking MDM**

Total number of schools using LPG for cooking meals is 35616.

#### **2.9.2 Steps taken by State to provide LPG fuel in all schools.**

Amount for facilitating 100% gas based cooking in schools is already transferred.

#### **2.9.3 Expected date by which LPG would be provided in all schools.**

N/A

### **2.10 Kitchen-cum-stores.**

#### **2.10.1 Procedure for construction of kitchen-cum-store,**

As per the enrollment of the children and the norms decided by the GoI the kitchen shed funds are released to districts as per their demand and need. After that the funds are released to the respective School Management Committee of the school for construction of the Kitchen Shed. The Kitchen Shed is constructed by the members of the School Management Committee

which is the committee of parents. The technical supervision of construction of Kitchen Shed is done by the Engineers of SSA. After the completion of the Kitchen shed the utilization certificate is collected and compiled by the block level officials of Education Department. The utilization certificate is given by the Secretary and Chairman of School Management Committee Based on this report of the SMC submitted through BEEO to the district. The district sends the utilization to the State after construction; regular monitoring is done by State, District and SSA technically. The status of kitchen shed construction is annexed with the AWP&B performa tables AT-11 and AT-11A.

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

As per the model estimate given by the JEPC to state and circulated to districts.

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

The responsibility for construction of kitchen shed is given to School Management Committee.

**2.10.4 Kitchen cum stores constructed through convergence, if any**

In some districts kitchen sheds have been constructed under other developmental schemes like IAP and BRGF. Dining halls also been constructed under these schemes. Details of which have been given in AT-11A of AWP&B proforma tables.

**2.10.5 Progress of construction of kitchen-cum-stores and target for the next year.**

During 2006-07 to 2011-12 a total of 39001 Kitchen Cum Store of different Plinth Area has been sanctioned by Gol. Up till 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr of 2019-20, 31386 Kitchen Cum Store Completed, 1137 is in progress and 6478 is remaining to procure. Among 6476 kitchen cum store of different plinth area the amount of 3500 kitchen cum store has not been drawn from Treasury.

The detailed is Included in table AT-11 and AT-11A of AWP&B proforma tables.

**2.10.6 The reasons for slow pace of construction of kitchen cum stores, if applicable.**

In majority of the cases construction of kitchen shed is done as per schedule but in some cases due to local problem and sometimes scarce water availability in some waters deficient areas, there is slow pace of construction of kitchen shed. The Old SOR is also main cause of slow progress of construction of kitchen cum store.



**2.10.7 How much interest has been earned on the unutilized central assistance lying in the bank account of the State/ implementing agencies.**

Rs. 18.05 Cr. Up till FY 2020-21 is available with JSMDMA regarding all component under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme right from the beginning of the establishment of Jharkhand State Mid Day Meal authority.

**2.10.8 Details of the kitchen cum stores constructed in convergence. Details of the agency engaged for the construction of these kitchen cum stores.**

N/A

**2.11 Kitchen Devices**

**2.11.1 Procedure of procurement of kitchen devices from funds released under the Mid Day Meal Programme**

As per the norms decided by the GoI the kitchen devices funds are released to districts as per their demand and need. After that the funds are released to the respective School Management Committee/SVS of the school for procurement of kitchen devices. The kitchen devices are procured by the members of the School Management Committee / SVSS which is the committee of parents. After the procurement of kitchen device the utilization certificate is collected and compiled at the block level officials of Education Department. The utilization certificate is given by the Secretary and Chairman of School Management Committee. Based on this report of the SMC submitted through BEEOs of the district, the district level MDM cell of the DSE office sends the utilization certificate to the State.

**2.11.2 Status of procurement of kitchen devices**

Included in AT-12 and AT-12A of AWP&B 2021-22.

**2.11.3 Procurement of kitchen devices through convergence or community/ CSR**

As per financial rules and state norms by the Saraswati Vahinis.

**2.11.4 Availability of eating plates in the schools. Source of procurement of eating plates.**

Eating plates are procured under “vidyala vikash kosh” fund and fund release by State. In the financial year 2020-21 it will be procured after the release of fund, approved in PAB 2019-20 for 30497 Schools in the head of replacement of kitchen device.

**2.12 Measures taken to rectify**

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

No such measure issue has been reported in case of any such mismatch the issue is checked and rectified if any and reasons behind it will be also analyzed.

**2.12.2 Intra-district mismatch in utilization of food grains and cooking cost.**

No such measure issue has been reported in case of any such mismatch the issue is checked and rectified if any and reasons behind it is also analyzed. In the monthly meeting at the state level all district level officers have been instructed regarding mis-match in utilization of food grains and cooking cost and they have been directed to run the MDM programme without any deficiency. Also all district superintendent of education have been instructed for timely delivering of cooking cost at school level on requirement basis. It is instructed to check on regular basis that one month extra cooking cost is available to all schools to run MDM smoothly. Instructions have been given to all DSEs for timely payment of cost of food grains to FCI. The same has been initiated all over the state.

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

Effective mechanism is prepared to look after the mismatch of data reported through various ends. Also quarterly verification of record will be done at state level. Further if required the data entry operators will be trained again and problem will be looked after.

**2.13 Quality of food**

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

Cooked meal is being tasted by the Headmaster of the school along with teachers, saraswati vahini and SMC member before serving to the students. A separate register is maintained in which name and signature of the concerned teachers/community is registered with date after tasting of food.

**2.13.2 Maintenance of roster of parents, community for the presence of at least two parents in the school on each day at the time of serving and tasting of mid day meal.**

Every school is generally monitored and the record of which has been kept at the school level in a register kept for MDM inspection. For transparency details of MDM is displayed on notice board giving details of number of children served MDM in a day against enrollment, quantity of grains utilized and served.

**2.13.3 Testing of food sample by any recognized labs for prescribed nutrient ion and presence of contaminants such as microbes-coli.**

In Jharkhand State Food testing Laboratory Namkum, Ranchi (Food safety comissionariate, Deptt. Of Health Government of Jharkhand, B.I.T Mesra food

testing lab and SUNTECH Tupudana, Ranchi is situated. Food Sample has been collected from 24 district and testing report is send by the Laboratory in the financial year 2019-20. However Civil Surgeon on need basis tests the food samples as required. Instructions has been given to districts vide letter no. 94 dated 13.02.2020 / Lt.- 435 dated 18.10.2019 / Lt -71 dated 06.02.2020 for implementing the guidelines given by the JRM. The Quality Test Laboratory accredited by National Accreditation Board is being selected and necessary testing shall be ensured after notifying the Quality test laboratory. Refer to table no. AT 14A of AWP&B 2020-21.

**2.13.4 Engagement of/ recognized labs for the testing of Meals.**

SUNTECH Tupudana Ranchi lab is engaged for the testing of Meals.

**2.13.5 Details of protocol for testing of Meals, frequency of lifting and testing of samples.**

Frequency of lifting and testing of samples is Quaterly.

**2.13.6 Details of samples taken for testing and the results thereof.**

Due to Covid-19 in this F.Y. no hot cooked meal was served in schools. Hence no any testing of cooked meal under mid day meal scheme.

**2.13.7 Steps taken to ensure implementation of guidelines issued with regard to quality of food.**

A Guideline is issued to district & Schools regarding Quality of food vide letter no. 82 dated 07.02.2020.

**2.14 Involvement of NGOs / Trusts.**

ISKCON FOOD RELIEF FOUNDATION is serving cooked meal in 297 schools of East-Singhbhum & 79 Schools of Saraikela-Kharsawan through Centralized Kitchen.

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

ISCKON has established centralized kitchen in east singhbhum and serving cooked bill for 297 schools of Jamshedpur and 79 schools of Saraikela-Kharsawan. Establishment of Centralized kitchen in four districts e.g. Ranchi, West-Singhbhum, Lohardaga & Hazaribagh is under process thorough CSR fund.

For establiment and operation of centralized kitchen , a comprehensive guideline has been formulated and notified by GoJ. To facilitate decentralization of committee under chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner has been formed.

**2.14.2 Whether NGOs/ Trusts are serving meal in rural areas.**

Yes. In rural areas MDM is served through centralized kitchen in 145 schools of Jamshedpur and 31 Schools of Saraikela Kharsawan and rest

schools are served by saraswati vahini, sanchalan samitee a body of mothers, whose children are studying in that particular schools and also a sub committee of School Management Committee.

**2.14.3 Maximum distance and time taken for delivery of food to school from centralized kitchen.**

Such centralized kitchen are serving mid-day meal within the radius of 20 Kms and as such about 30 minutes time is taken to deliver food to school.

**2.14.4 Measures taken to ensure delivery of hot cooked meals to schools.**

Headmaster and teachers of the concerned school jointly have the responsibility of receiving of cooked meals at the schools from the centralized kitchen. The centralized kitchen agency transfers the food cooked from centralized kitchen to schools in a specialized container which has the capacity of maintaining temperature of food at 60 degree after 4 hours of cooking. In other rural schools where the food is cooked in the MDM kitchen of the school the food served is hot and freshly served on daily basis.

**2.14.5 Responsibility of receiving cooked meals at the schools from the centralized kitchen,**

Teacher along with saraswati vahini and SMC member before serving meal to the students.

**2.14.6 Whether sealed containers are used for supply of meals to schools,**

Yes sealed containers are used for supply of meals to schools.

**2.14.7 Tentative time of delivery of meals at schools from centralized kitchen**

Nearly 30 minutes to deliver food between centralized kitchen and school.

**2.14.8 Availability of weighing machines for weighing the cooked MDM at school level prepared at centralized kitchen.**

Yes, weighing machines are used for weighing the cooked MDM at school level prepared at centralized kitchen.

**2.14.9 Testing of food samples at centralized kitchens.**

Incharge of centralized kitchen test the food samples on regular basis also the Deputy Commissioner, District Education Officer, District superintendent of Education, Regional Education officer and Block Extension Education Officer also tests the food samples on timely basis. Food Sample of the Centralized Kitchen will be collected and sent to the testing lab monthly in the financial year 2020-21.

**2.14.10 Whether NGO is receiving grant from other organizations for the mid day meal. If so, the details thereof.**

NA

## **2.15 Systems to ensure transparency and accountability in all aspects of programme implementation,**

### **2.15.1 Display of logo, entitlement of children and other information at a prominent visible place in school.**

Instruction has been given to all DSEs for Emergency Plan to be finalized and Telephone Nos. of Primary Health Center, District Hospitals, Ambulance, Police; Fire Brigade should be painted at prominent places in all the schools for immediate use in emergencies. Also the MDM logo along with weekly menu is to be painted on the walls of school buildings.

Instruction has been issued vide letter no. 2590 dated 31.12.13 to the officials of ISKCON centralized kitchen to ensure displaying of name and logo of MHRD and MDM on the delivery vans distributing meals to the schools from the centralized kitchen. The same has been followed by schools.

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

The formation of state level website is under progress.

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

Every school is generally monitored and the record of which has been kept at the school level in a register kept for MDM inspection. For transparency details of MDM is displayed on notice board giving details of number of children served MDM in a day against enrollment, quantity of grains utilized and served.

### **2.15.4 Testing of meals by community members,**

Everyday member of the Saraswati Vahini/ SMC and a teacher used to taste the quality of food prepared for serving MDM to the children before serving it to the children every day and record is maintained in swad panji of the school.

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2	8-1-20	बुधवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा
3	16-1-20	शुक्रवार	महिषा मंडल	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	महिषा मंडल	महंगा
4	17-1-20	शनिवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा
5	19-1-20	रविवार	महिषा मंडल	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	महिषा मंडल	महंगा
6	20-1-20	मंगलवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा
7	21-1-20	बुधवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा
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9	24-1-20	शुक्रवार	महिषा मंडल	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	महिषा मंडल	महंगा
10	25-1-20	शनिवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा
11	27-1-20	मंगलवार	महिषा मंडल	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	महिषा मंडल	महंगा
12	28-1-20	बुधवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा
13	29-1-20	गुरुवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा
14	30-1-20	शुक्रवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा
15	31-1-20	शनिवार	श्रीकांत प्रसाद	चावल - दाल - आलू पनीर की सब्जी सलाह	श्रीकांत	महंगा

Swad panji of school

### 2.15.5 Conducting Social Audit

On periodic basis a social audit is done at the level of school and at the level of panchayat and blocks is done. At school level mukhiya, ward members, SMC members, parents use to visit the school and do the social audit. At gram sabha meeting also MDM is reviewed at some districts. During FY 2020-21 due to Covid-19 no social Audit has been conducted.

**Whether Social Audit has been carried out or not :-** In F.Y. 2020-21 due to Covid-19 no social Audit has been conducted.

**2.15.5.1 If no, in 2.15.5.1, reasons thereof :-** N/A

**2.15.5.2 Details of action taken by the State on the findings of Social Audit :-**

Due to Covid no cooked hot meal was served in school. Hence no action taken report against school authority for the F.Y. 2020-21

**2.15.5.3 Impact of social audit in the schools :-** Awareness of parent's and society, continuity and improvement in quality.

**2.15.5.4 Action plan for Social Audit during 2020-21 :-** Social audit has not been conducted in F.Y 2020-21 due to Covid-19.

### 2.16 Capacity building and training for different stakeholders

**2.16.1 Details of the training programme conducted for State level officials, SMC members, school teachers and others stakeholders.**

At state level the master trainers have been trained with support of Gol and Akshya Patra in which the SMC chairman, Saraswati Vahini chairman and cooks and saraswati vahini sanyojika have been trained and the issues of safety, hygiene and nutrition of mid-day-meal using SOPs guidelines of Gol are developed by the state MDM cell. The master trainers created for every district organizes training of cooks and helpers, SMC chairman and sanyojika at block level on periodic interval. At state level training of district nodal officer's and district computer operator is organized on quarterly basis.

### **2.16.2 Details about Modules used for training, Master Trainers, Venues etc.**

The training module developed by agencies of GoI has been incorporated for the state and the same is used for training. The well trained master trainers uses translated Hindi version of training module and SOPs for training at ground level.

In training for better understanding of film on safe cooking, serving and distribution of mid-day-meal, a short documentary film have been developed by the state and same is also shown to the trainee cooks and others related persons.

#### **Targets for the next year.**

In Jharkhand 100% one day refresher training of cook cum helpers will be done. However if required training on hygiene and any others aspects will be done on need basis in the financial year 2020-21.

### **2.17 Management Information System at School, Block, District and State level and its details.**

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

Based on the reports of the Sarswati Vahini Sanchalan Samiti in the given format by GoI for school level entry of data, school data is collected by the block level officers of the Education Department and school wise data is entered into the MIS portal by block level data entry operator. Refer to table no. AT 23 of AWP&B 2020-21.

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

At district and block level, data entry is made on regular basis.

#### **2.17.3 Availability of manpower for web based MIS.**

At Block level one data entry operator and at District Level one data entry operator is engaged.

#### **2.17.4 Mechanism for ensuring timely data entry and quality of data.**

Regular monitoring is being done by State Monitoring Cell. The MIS web portal data entry operators at block and district level is trained. Facing any difficulty time to time guidance is given from the State Level MDM cell.

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

YES, it is used for the reconciliation of monthly expenditure & to calculate the monthly coverage proportion under MDM.

### **2.18 Automated Monitoring System (AMS) at School, Block, District and State level and its details.**

#### **2.18.1 Status of implementation of AMS.**

AMS already implemented in State of Jharkhand Refer to table no.AT 23A of AWP&B 2020-21.

**2.18.2 Mode of collection of data under AMS (SMS/IVRS/Mobile App/Web enabled)**

Mode of collection of data under AMS is SMS which can be collected from the web site mdmjharkhand.gov.in with convergence through IT D department of GOJ.

**2.18.3 Tentative unit cost for collection of data.**

Rs. 340/ yearly per school are met with MME fund.

**2.18.4 Mechanism for ensuring timely submission of information by schools.**

Regular monitoring is done at state level. However facing difficulty in sending SMS the teachers of the particular school contact the state level data entry operators to solve the problem. Also where SMS is not sent on regular basis, teachers are motivated telephonically. Teacher is also trained in monthly gru gosti. In Jharkhand responsibility is given to head teacher/ assistant teacher of the school.

**2.18.5 Whether the information under AMS is got validated.**

YES, it is validated by IT Department of GOJ regularly.

**2.18.6 Whether AMS data is being used for monitoring purpose and details thereof.**

YES, it is used to reconcile the coverage with data entered in MIS portal. Detail is annexed in table no. AT 23A of AWP&B 2021-22

**2.18.7 In case, AMS has not been rolled out, the reasons therefore may be indicated along with the time lines by which it would be rolled out.**

YES, Within seven day's.

**2.19 Details of Evaluation studies conducted by State/UT and summary of its findings.**

It is under process.

**2.20 Case studies/write up on best/ innovative practices followed in the State along with some high resolution photographs of these best/ innovative practices.**

**1. Additional Honorarium to cooks –**

- a. **Logic** - To increase the morale and workmanship of the healthy management of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme.
- b. **Fact** – Rs. 1000 per cook per month for 10 months in a year will be given in addition to matching state share from 2021-22 onwards.
- c. **Impact** –
  - i. Rasoiya – Workmanship of the cooks.
  - ii. MDM – Healthy management and Improved quality of meal.
  - iii. Students– Nutritive food to children.



## 2. Door Step delivery –

- a. **Logic** – Door step delivery has been applied for regular rice pick-up and un-interrupted running of Mid day Meal.
- b. **Fact** – Central share of Rs. 1175/MT for door step delivery. Currently, door step delivery has been arranged in four districts
- c. **Impact** -
  - i. Rasoiya – Rasoiya will be free from lifting of food grains from block godown to school.
  - ii. MDM - Assured quality of food grains and Timely delivery of food grains.
  - iii. Students – Daily food to children. MDM will not stop in the absence of rice.

## 3. Supplementary Nutrition –

- a. **Logic** – Under the supplementary nutrition, children will be given egg/ Fruit for the purpose of meeting the need for protein.
- b. **Fact** – In the form of supplementary nutrition, egg/ fruit is provided two days in a week. For giving egg /fruit to children max. Rs. 6.00 per egg per student for two days in every week is made available in Saraswati Vahini Sanchalan Samitee bank account.
- c. **Impact** -
  - i. Health – Increase in nutritional level among children health. Important in brain development of children.

## 4. Distribution of LPG -

- a. **Logic** – In view of the adverse impact of the health of the rasoiya and environment, the Government of India directs that the system of LPG based kitchen should be maintained in the school.
- b. **Fact** – All schools are covered.
- c. **Impact** –
  - i. Health – LPG based kitchen will not adversely affect the rasoiya and children's health.
  - ii. Environment – LPG based kitchen will help in keeping the environment safe. The environment can be protected from contamination. Saving of wood.
  - iii. Convenience – LPG based kitchen will be friendly for all weather..



COOK-CUM HELPER IN KITCHEN

## 2.21 Untoward incidents

### 2.21.1 Instances of unhygienic food served, children falling ill.

Due to Covid-19 no hot cooked meal served in school. Hence there is no such incidents in this year.

### 2.21.2 Sub-standard supplies,

No such incidents reported.

### 2.21.3 Diversion/ misuse of resources,

No such incidents reported.

### 2.21.4 Social discrimination.

No such incidents reported.

### 2.21.5 Action taken and safety measures adopted to avoid occurrence of such incidents. Whether Emergency Plan exists to tackle any untoward incident.

No such incident of concerned has been occurred but state maintains **zero tolerance policy** in MDM. Hence in case of any such occurrence instructions is already given to all the districts for taking appropriate action within 24 hours and report back the action taken report to state MDM cell immediately thereafter.

## 2.22 Status of Rastriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (School Health Programme)

### 2.22.1 Provision of micro- nutrients, de-worming medicine, Iron and Folic acid (WIFS).

As per the direction the IFA Tablets and De-worming tablets are being distributed to schools under Anaemia control programme and school health programme of the health department. Regular monitoring is being done from the State MDM Cell and all the districts to ascertain that no expired medicines are circulated to schools.

Every school is covered under school health programme of NRHM and NUHM programme. Every child has been given a health card and the health

workers visit the schools on monthly basis and maintain the record in the health card. In case of need of specialized medical attention the case is referred to PHCs for further medical help. Due to Covid-19 no such checkup in conducted in school during this F.Y. For detail refer to table no. AT17.

**2.22.2 Distribution of spectacles to children with refractive error,**

On regular basis the eyes of children are shown at the local PHCs and those children whose eyes are found defective spectacles are distributed free of cost in convergence with Health Department under National Rural Health Mission Programme. Due to Covid-19 no such checkup in conducted in school during this F.Y. For detail refer to table no. AT17.

**2.22.3 Recording of height, weight etc.**

On regular basis height and weight is examined in schools and documented.

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

Usually on Monthly basis health visits are made for routine check-up and if any child is found to be need of special attention it is referred to local PHCs. (Please ensure to upload at least two photographs of the visit of the medical team in each school on MDM-MIS portal). Due to Covid-19 no such checkup in conducted in school during this F.Y.

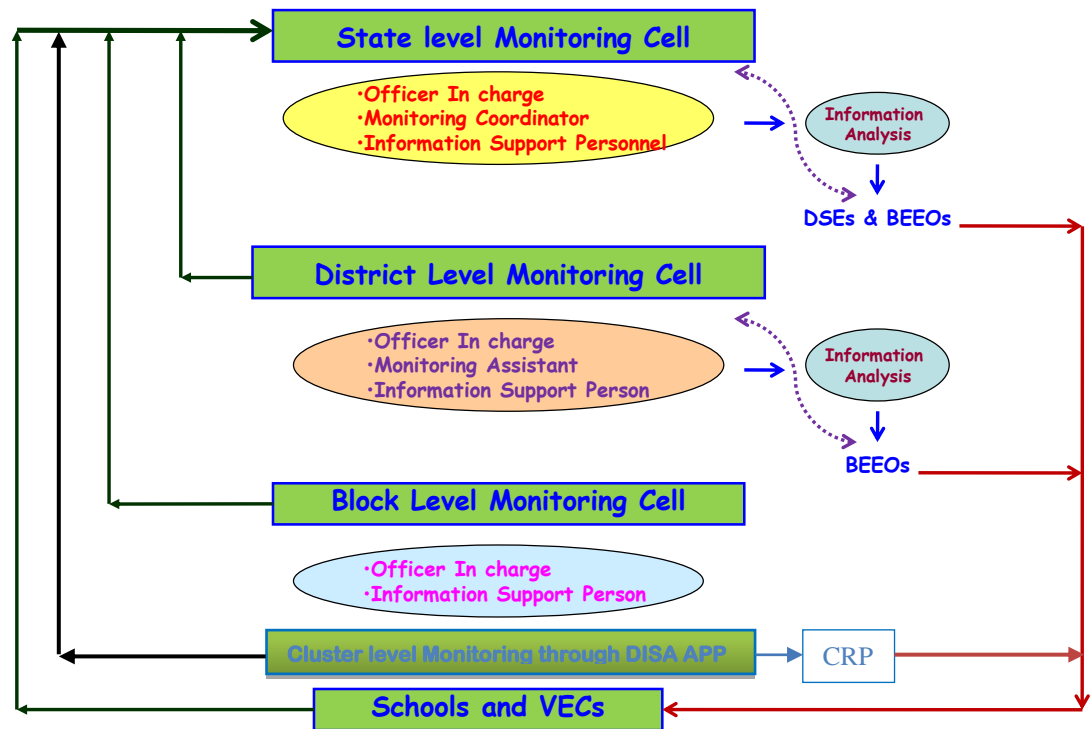


RBSK TEAM VISIT TO SCHOOL

**2.23 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.**

The state has a strong base of monitoring system from state to school level which is shown hereunder through a flow chart :-

## microlevel monitoring system



Vide notification no. 356 dated 03.02.06, the state government has organized three tier monitoring committee at state, district and block level under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Deputy Commissioner and block development officer respectively. The department has formed comprehensive micro level three tier monitoring system at State, District and Block level Monitoring Cell. All level Monitoring Cell have the telephone no. of the member of Village Education Committee/ Headmaster of schools, where Mid-Day Meal Scheme is running. Monitoring cell randomly talk to the Headmaster/Member of VEC/Teachers of that particular school and enquire about the running of the scheme. It has been made compulsory to enquire at least 240 schools on every working day at State level, 25 schools at District and 25 schools at Block level individually. At State, District and Block level, individual officer has been entrusted the task of monitoring.

Constitution of Committees for monitoring and supervision at various levels-

**State level:** Director, Jharkhand State MDM Authority has been designated for constant monitoring of the Programme.

**District level:** District Collector is nominated as Nodal Officer for implementing the Programme. Every month in District coordination meeting MDMS is reviewed with the block level and District level officers. If any problem is reported it is addressed immediately.

**Block level:** Block level coordination committees meeting is held every month in which officials of all department is present. In the meeting if any problem is raised in connection with the implementation of the MDMS it is sorted out immediately. BEEO`s inspect a minimum of 20 schools per month and report to their District Supritendent of Education -cum- District Nodal Officer, MDM.

**Guru Goshti:** Every month guru goshti is held at the block level in which all the head teachers of the block are present. Meeting is chaired by the Block Education Extension Officer .In the meeting every school is reviewed and report is taken regarding implementation of mid day meal.

**Cluster Level:** For every 15-20 schools there is a concept of cluster under **SAMAGRA SIKSHA ABHIYAN**, where one cluster resource person (CRP) is deployed on contract basis for the purpose of monitoring and evaluating the government sponsored scheme. Cluster resource person monitor the MDM Scheme through **DISHA APP** which has been developed by Jharkhand Education Project Council (JEPC).

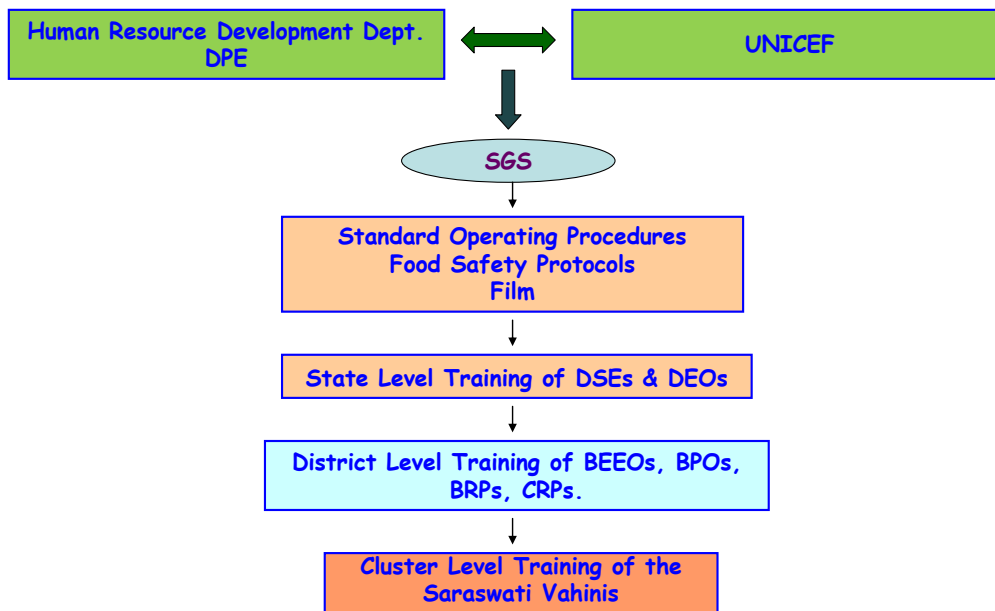
**School level:** There is one committee functioning at the school level- School Management Committee (SMC). Apart from above committee a sub-committee of SMC functionaries i.e SARASWATI VAHINI SANCHALAN SAMITEE to implement MDMS and supervise the implementation of MDM in the school. Above Committees ensure that good quality food is provided to all children of the school.

A memorandum of understanding has been signed with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to provide landline to schools. In two thousand schools BSNL landlines have been installed. Till date monitoring from state/district/block level is done on the mobiles of the head teacher/VEC and SMC members. Almost in 20 % cases mobile is found not reachable or switched off. To overcome this we have decided to install BSNL landline in schools.

The department also takes quick action on the report, received in monitoring cell and according to need, necessary correspondence with Deputy Commissioner/ District Superintendent of Education of the concerned district has been made to solve the problem properly. **A TOLL FREE NUMBER – 18003457025** is also installed for general public, student`s and parent`s for the transparency of the MDMS.

**In addition to the monitoring the state cell has developed a mechanism of training of manpower for stakeholders of MDM through the different level of monitoring agencies as follows :-**

## Capacity building in food safety



### 2.24 Meetings of Steering cum Monitoring Committees at the Block, District and State level

#### 2.24.1 Number of meetings held at various level and gist of the issues discussed in the meeting,

Steering committee has been constituted at state and district level and meeting is done on monthly basis. The last state level steering committee meeting was held in the month of 26 Feb, 2021. The details of district level and block level steering cum monitoring committee is included in Table – AT 10 A of AWP&B 2021-22.

#### 2.24.2 Action taken on the decisions taken during these meetings.

Actions are taken as per the suggestions and directions of the steering committee at state and district level.

### 2.25 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.

On Monthly basis this meeting is held in districts under the chairmanship of local MP in which all MLAs, Member of Jila Parishad and Municipal chairmen participate in addition to the DCs and other officials as per the instructions of the District Level Monitoring Committee recommendations and actions are being taken thereof.

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

Due to Covid-19 all schools were closed and as such no inspection were made.

**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.**

We have decided to install TOLL FREE telephones at State/ District headquarter so that any irregularity if found can be addressed immediately. Apart from this every school have been instructed to write the phone numbers of State/ District/ Block monitoring cell on the wall of the School so that villagers can contact and inform the status of MDMS. The phone numbers of local PHCs, fire brigades and nearby police stations are also written on the kitchen sheds in case of need at emergent time.

**2.28 Grievance Redressal Mechanism**

**2.28.1 Details regarding Grievance Redressal at all levels,**

Grievance Redressal is done through state, district and block level monitoring cell and toll free no-18003457025 which has been empowered and directed to do grievance redressal on no tolerance policy within 24 to 72 hours as per need and follow up action is regularly monitored by the State. A Grievance Redressal Cell is also constituted at state level.

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

The complaints received through toll free no also has been disposed off.

**2.28.3 Time schedule for disposal of complaints,**

On interruption of MDM within 24 hours. On report of any incident of major concern within 3 hours of reporting and other complaints through toll free no within 24 hours.

**2.28.4 Details of action taken on the complaints.**

State, district and block takes immediate action on the receipt of complaints.

**2.29 Details regarding Awareness Generation & Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities and Media campaign, carried out at State/district/block/school level.**

On regular basis through department of PRD mass media awareness programme is done by publication of advertisements, rising of hoardings and training of SMC members, organizing workshops of PRI members.

**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.**

- MDMs have motivated children especially belonging to disadvantaged and weaker sections of the society.
- Community participation through Saraswati Vahini at school level is the strength of MDMs.

- The scheme is very popular all over the state and particularly in the tribal belts. The students are developing better eating habits since the scheme has been totally decentralized, the community participation has increased.
- Mother's involvement in supervision of cooked meal is helpful in the development of the community participation among villagers.
- The dropout rates have been reduced. Mid Day Meal is very helpful to overcome the problem of classroom hunger. Besides it is helping egalitarian values, as children from various social backgrounds learn to sit together and share a common meal. The general gap in school participation tends to narrow.

**2.31 Action Plan for ensuring enrolment of all school children under Aadhaar before the stipulated date :-** 86% children having Aadhar enrollement refer to table no. AT4B of AWP&B 2020-21.

**2.32 Contribution by community in the form of Tithi Bhojan or any other similar practices in the State/ UT etc :-** Tithi bhoj are organized on the occasion of 2<sup>nd</sup> October and special dish is provided to the children on the occasion of Saraswati puja in each & every school's. Due to Covid-19 no such events were conducted in this financial year.



Tithi bhojan on eve of Basantpanchami at school

### **2.33 Kitchen gardens**

Details of kitchen gardens in schools is included in AT-10E of AWP&B. Schools with land, boundary and proper water facility is directed for setting up and maintenance of kitchen gardens.





**KITCHEN GARDEN IN SCHOOLS WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS**

- 2.33.1 Status of availability of kitchen gardens in the schools. (Please furnish school wise details for all districts in the table AT 10E given at Annexure – W 1.) 2991 School's covered with kitchen garden.**
- 2.33.2 Mapping of schools with the corresponding Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) :-** Mapping of schools is under process.
- 2.33.3 Details of the mechanisms adopted for the setting up and Maintenance of kitchen gardens :-** SMC Members, SVSS Members and children are involved in setting up and maintenance of kitchen garden in school.
- 2.33.4 Whether the produce of these kitchen gardens is used in MDM :-** YES, the produce from kitchen garden is used in MDM.
- 2.33.5 Action plan for setting up of kitchen gardens in all schools :-** 17532 School's will be covered till 2020-21 with the help of flexi fund @5000 per school and the total expenditure will be accrued 876.6 lacs. (Table- AT-10E of AWP&B 2021-22 )

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

Letter to all DSEs have been sent for operationalization of MDM rules, 2015 and also modified MDM Rules 2018.

**2.35 Details of payment of Food Security Allowances and its mechanism :-** It will be completed up-till March 2020. Headmaster of school and SMC is responsible at school level, BEEO is responsible at block level and DSE is responsible at district level.

**2.36 Cooking Competition**

**2.36.1 Whether cooking competitions have been organized at different levels in 2020-21 :-** No, schedule is prepared. Due to Covid-19 no such competitions were organized in this year.

**2.36.2 if yes in 2.36.1,**

**2.36.2.1 the number of participants in these competitions**

**2.36.2.2 Details of judges**

**2.36.2.3 How many participants were awarded**

**2.36.2.4 Was the awarded participants given any cash prizes**

**2.36.2.5 Whether the awarded recipes have been shared with schools**

**2.36.3 Details of action plan for year 2021-22**

Cooking Competition will be conducted after re-opening of schools, which has closed due to Covid-19.

**2.37 Details of minor modifications from the existing guidelines carried out by District Level Committee chaired by the District Magistrate.**

No any modification has been done.

**2.38 Details of new interventions envisaged under 5% flexi funds – For each intervention, please provide detailed information in the below template**

**2.38.1 Background Note**

Flexi fund will be used under then intervention to enrich the nutrition value of Mid day Meal for the children in twelve mal-nutritional district and total 1249896 children will be covered within 17249 school. Chana & Gur will be provided to the children for 42 days and the total expenditure will be occurred 2099.83 lacs. 17532 schools will be covered with Kitchen Garden and unit cost will be 5000 rs per school. For this details proposal will be prepared and sent to competent authority after opening of School.

**2.38.2 Objectives**

To promote the nutrition value of mid day meal and the product of kitchen garden will be utilized in mid day meal.

**2.38.3 Rationale for the intervention**

12 District of Jharkhand State is Mal-nutritional District and the probability of Kitchen Garden in the Rural Areas is positive. To Promote the Nutritional Value of Mid day Meal. It is necessary to provide Nutritional Food in Mal-Nutritional District and the Self product Green Vegetables in Mid day Meal to enrich the Quality of Food.

**2.38.4 Time lines**

42 Days for nutritious food to be children of twelve districts and three months for kitchen garden.

**2.38.5 Coverage**

**2.38.5.1 Number of Districts**

12 Mal-nutritional Districts for nutritional food and 24 District for Kitchen Garden.

**2.38.5.2 Number of schools**

17249 Schools for Nutritious food and 17532 schools for kitchen garden.

**2.38.5.3 Number of children**

1249896 Children of 12 Mal-Nutritional Districts and 1568000 Students under Kitchen Garden.

#### **2.38.5.4 Number of working days**

42 Days for Nutritious food & 254 days Green Vegetables from Kitchen Garden.

#### **2.38.6 Requirement of Funds**

2976.43 Lacs

#### **2.38.7 Monitoring**

It will be monitored by SMC PRI, Block Level Officer, District Level Officer & State Level Officers.

#### **2.38.8 Outcome measurement**

It will be measured through the Health Checkup Team & Socail Audit Team.

#### **2.38.9 Impact assessment**

Impact Assesment will be done through third party evaluation.

### **2.39 Details about provision of Food Security Allowance during closure of schools on account of COVID Pandemic**

Due to pandemic of Covid-19 schools remained closed from 17/03/2020 for entire academic & financial year of 2020-21 in Jharkhand State. It was not feasible to provide hot cooked meal. So decision was taken to provide Food Security Allowance in lieu of Mid Day Meal to all entitled beneficiaries students of Class I to VIII by Education Department, Government of Jharkhand. Jharkhand state was among the first state to decide to give Food Security Allowances as per the norms of Gol and mandated in NFSA Act 2013 and Mid Day Meal Rules-2015. Also Additional Nutritional (Egg/Fruit) has been provided from state own's resources. FSA has been provided to the children during Summer Vacation for 22 days also during 2020-21. A detailed guidelines has been provided to the District, Block & Schools for the purpose of distribution of FSA according to the norms decided during Covid-19. The priority has been given to the distribution system of FSA door-to-door to the children for the purpose of safety and precautionary measure.

#### **2.39.1 Mechanism followed for management and monitoring**

Three stage monitoring mechanism has been developed to monitor the FSA distribution status in Jharkhand state. District level & Block level monitoring team has been constituted in the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner & Block Development Officers.

#### **2.39.2 Items provided as Food Security Allowance**

Rice, Cooking cost and Additional Nutritional (Egg/Fruits) has been provided in terms of money through Bank transfer and cash in the situation of hilly and hard to reach areas due to closure of school during Covid-19.

### **2.40 Detailed MME plan alongwith Annual plan of activities to be undertaken thereunder.**

One month monitoring system developed by Jharkhand State Mid-day Meal Authority through BABA Computers call centre to analyse the distribution of FSA and the impact study at school level through student, teacher, parents and PRI members.

## **2.41 Any other issues and Suggestions.**

1. As per direction of Central Govt. the proposal for the replacement of 30340 units of kitchen devices for the year 2020-21 has been sent to the Central govt. But funds could not be released in the same year. It is, therefore requested to release the same funds as additional funds for the year 2021-22. A separate proposal for the replacement of kitchen devices units has been given in the Table AT-29A.
2. Fund approved for 17532 kitchen gardens was approved in PAB 2019-20 & 2020-21. Fund not released yet.
3. Fund approved under Flexi fund for 12 Mal-Nutrition Dist., not released yet.