



# **NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT TO PRIMARY EDUCATION**

## **MID DAY MEAL SCHEME**

**Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2014-15**

# Jammu & Kashmir

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Brief History, Objectives and Rationale of the Mid Day Meal Programme.

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 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court 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 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.
- Necessary expenses on account of implementation of the Mid-day Meal Scheme are being met out of the funds (State-share 25%) available in the District Plan of Elementary Education Sector and 75 % is provided by the Govt. of India for Cooking cost, Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers and construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores.

**2.3** Director School Education Kashmir/ Jammu and all the Chief Education Officers/Zonal Education Officers have been sensitized to ensure accountability and transparency in the implementation of the scheme and Department has also constituted Monitoring committee at the Divisional, District or Zonal Levels.

i) Divisional Level Committee headed by one Joint Director from the respective Directorate of School Education.

ii) District Level Committee headed by Principal DIET of the respective District.

iii) 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.

The PRIs/VEC has also been engaged for proper and effective implementation of the Scheme.

- **Demographic profile of the State.**

The total geographical area of J & K state is 222236 square Kilometers which includes 78114 Sq. Km under occupation of Pakistan, 5180 Sq. Km handed over to China by Pakistan and 37555 Sq. Km under occupation of China in Leh (Ladakh) district. The geographical area of J & K state comprises 6.93% of the total Indian Territory. Geographically and administratively, the J&K state is divided into three divisions namely Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. Out of the total area of J & K state Ladakh covers 70%, Jammu 19% and Kashmir 11%.

(a) Total Population	=	1, 25, 00000 (Census 2011)
(b) Area	=	222236 Sq. Km.
(c) Literacy rate	=	68.74% (Census 2011)
(d) Male	=	78.26%
(e) Female	=	58.01%
(f) Sex ratio	=	883 (Census 2011)
(g) Highest Literacy rate	=	District Jammu

Persons	=	83.98 %
Male	=	89.77 %
Female	=	77.41 %

(h) Lowest Literacy rate	=	District Ramban
		Persons = 56.90 %
		Male = 71.97%
		Female = 40.04%

## 1.2 Management Structure: -

So far as Management Information System is concerned 201 Zonal Education Officers are corresponding with 22 Dy Chief Education Officers and the information flows through the 2 Directorates to Commissioner / Secretary Education and thereafter is communicated to Ministry of HRD. In view of difficult geographical features no doubt communication gap remains, but for review purposes provisional information is collected telephonically which facilitates the system and at the end of December 2013 actual information is ensured for submission.

## 1.3 Process of Plan Formulation: -

Annual work Plan & Budget 2014-15 has been formulated to cover **7.44** lac children and **3.63** lac children at Primary & Upper Primary Stages respectively and **641** children of NCLP Schools thereby covering **17** NCLP Schools located in Srinagar and Udhampur Districts.

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

**2.1 Regularity and wholesomeness of mid day meals served to the children; reasons for programme interruptions if any and planning to minimize them.**

The mid day meal was served regularly to the children's on all the working days. There is not any reason for interruption of the programme.

**2.2 Coverage of children of NCLP Schools as per upper primary norms.**

The coverage of NCLP children's during the year (2013-14) is 614 in the 17 NCLP Schools located in Srinagar and Udhampur Districts.

**2.4 Food grains Management, including adequacy of allocation, timelines of lifting, transportation and distribution, and suitability of storage at different levels challenges faced and plan to overcome them.**

The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been entrusted with the responsibility to ensure continuous supply and availability of adequate food grains in godowns. The corporation has been asked to ensure lifting of food grains in such a manner that the chain of food grains remains uninterrupted. FCI has appointed a Nodal Officer for each state to take care of various problems in supply of food grains for the implementation of Mid Day Meals Programme. The FCI provide food grains through Consumers Affairs & Public Distribution Department to the schools. The Chief Education Officer at the District level allots the food grains quota to Z.E.O's at the Block level on the basis of the student's strength of Zone and Z.E.O's concerned issue indents to the school Head teacher of Schools every month to lift food grains from the Depot of the Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution Department. Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Department of Jammu Division is not cooperative and stops supplies in case funds are not provided for the lifted quantities.

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

During the current financial year the payment of cost of food grains to FCI is as under.

Rs. in Lacs

Bills raised by FCI	Payment to FCI	Unspent Balance	Pending bills of previous year.
931.14	408.11	357.90	51.50

## 2.6 System for release of funds provided under MDM (Central and State).

After receiving the funds from MHRD the credit conformation is sought from the state finance department and then funds are released to Director School Education Kashmir/Jammu who intern release these funds further to CEO's , thereafter to ZEO's and then to schools for implementation of the scheme. The state share funds are released by the Planning and Development Department directly to the District Dev. Commissioners under District Plan and then to CES's.

S. No.	Instalment / Component	Amount (Rs. In lakhs)			Date of receiving of funds by the State / UT	Directorate / Authority			
		Gen	SC	ST		Date	Amount		Date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Adhoc Grant (25%)	2102.34	230.07	400.03	22.04.2013	400.4	43.84	76.16	11-06-2013
2.	Adhoc Grant (25%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	Nil	1702	186.2	323.9	02-07-2013
3.	Balance of 1st Instalment	922.38	96.36	181.3	17.07.2013	176.5	18.44	34.64	30-08-2013
4.	Balance of 1st Instalment	0.00	0.00	0.00	Nil	745.9	77.92	146.7	26-12-2013
5.	2nd Instalment	0.00	0.00	0.00	Nil	0.00	0.00	0.00	Nil
6.	Kitchen-cum-store	0.00	0.00	0.00	Nil	0.00	0.00	0.00	Nil

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7.	Kitchen Devices	0.00	0.00	0.00	Nil	0.00	0.00	0.00	Nil

## 2.7 Submission of information in mandatory table (AT-24).

Table (AT-24) is attached in Annual Works Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2014-15.

**2.8** The honorarium to cook-cum-helpers is paid @ Rs.1000 per month by the school authorities. However, there engagement is made as per the norms of MHRD. No any NGO's/SHGS/Trust has been engaged under the scheme.

## 2.9 System for procuring cooking ingredients (fuel, pulses, vegetables, condiments, oil, etc.)

Arrangements are made locally and in case of any shortage District Administration intervenes on request by the District Chief Education Officer. The quantities of Dal, Oil, Vegetables, and Salt etc. are procured locally. Sometimes Village Education Committees assist in such arrangements.

## 2.10 System for cooking serving and supervising mid day meals in the school.

For each school, a Cook has been engaged at an Honorarium of Rs. 1000.00 P.M. for cooking and serving Mid-Day Meal to the students. For supervision of the said scheme, Village Education Committee and School Management Committee help to implement the Scheme. For proper monitoring and oversee implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme the following Committees are also constituted and monitoring needs to be emphasized:

- i. At State level the committees headed by Chief Secretary.
- ii. At Divisional level the committees headed by Div. Commissioner.
- iii. At district level the committees headed by DDC concerned.

### **2.11 Procedure and status of Kitchen-cum-Store.**

An amount of Rs. 8393.63 lacs has been released by the Govt. of India during 2006-07 TO 2013-14 for construction of 11815 kitchen-cum-stores. The work on these constructions was started in 2008-09, 4803 works stand completed till December 2013 and construction of Kitchen-cum-Store in 2315 schools is in progress. Besides, 6082 Kitchen-cum-Store were constructed by convergence with State Plan during 2009-10 to 2013-14.

During the current Financial Year 2013-14 No any Kitchen-cum-Store has been constructed. The target for the year 2014-15 is **1869** Kitchen Sheds.

### **2.12 Procedure of procurement of kitchen device from (i) funds released under the Mid Day Meal Programme (ii) other sources.**

An amount of Rs. 1075.21 lacs have been released by Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India for procurement/replacement of Kitchen devices in 21504 schools during 2006-07 to 2013-14. Expenditure amounting to Rs. 1009.16 lacs stands incurred ending December 2013 and 22965 schools have been covered. Besides, 122 schools have been provided kitchen devices by convergence.

### **2.13 Capacity building and training conducted for different categories of persons involved in the Mid Day Meal Programme under Programmes of SSA, DIETs etc.**

**2.14** Capacity building issues are being addressed under SSA and other Programmes. The cleanliness and maintenance of hygienic conditions is being emphasized during Teacher Training Programmes and also stressed during the course of inter actions on the subject with the students.

### **2.15 Management Structure: -**

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Directorates to Commissioner / Secretary Education and thereafter is communicated to Ministry of HRD. In view of difficult geographical features no doubt communication gap remains, but for review purposes provisional information is collected telephonically which facilitates the system.

**2.16 Systems to ensure transparency, accountability and openness in all aspects of programme implementation, including inter alia, food grain management, ingredients procurement, cooking and serving, appointment of cooking staff, construction of kitchen sheds, procurement of cooking device.**

The Scheme is being implemented in right perspective. To ensure proper implementation and transparency Director School Education, Chief Education Officer, Dy. C.E.O, Z.E.O's, Z.E.P.O's and In-charge MDM of the School are supposed to monitor the scheme with full zeal. Besides this, Village Education Committees in each school play role in the proper implementation of the scheme.

**2.17 Measures taken to rectify**

- a). Issues with regards to Low and uneven utilization of Food grains and Cooking cost is due to the not revalidating the unspent balance in time.
- b). Fund are being received by Schools/Institutions late with the result lifting of food grains is ensured free of cost first and cooking cost lacked behind.
- c). Delay in delivering cooking cost at schools level is due to the not revalidating the unspent balance in time.

**2.18** No such Evaluation Study has been conducted so far but steps were taken for conducting the third Party monitoring of the Scheme.

**2.19** No report has been received by the State Government regarding unhygienic food and children falling ill due to intake of MDM in schools. All efforts are being made by the School Management Committee to ensure proper implementation of the Scheme under hygienic conditions.

- 2.20** The food served in the Schools is being tested by the Teacher In charge MDM. The Health Department has been involved in testing the food samples prepared in the schools ensuring to provide hygienic food to the children.
- 2.21** For strengthening monitoring mechanism at various levels committees are to be strengthened for effective implementation of the scheme. The three committees constituted for the purpose are indicated below.
- i) Divisional Level Committee headed by one Joint Director from the respective Directorate of School Education.
  - ii) District Level Committee headed by Principal DIET of the respective District.
  - iii) 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.
- The PRIs/VEC has also been engaged for proper and effective implementation of the Scheme.
- 2.22** Under School Health Programme 2721 Schools have been covered, covering 116224 students during 2013-14. 20955 children have been provided Iron and Folic acid tablets, 7585 Children have been provided Vitamin A tablets and 17672 Children have been provided de-worming tablets and 499 Children have been provided spectacles.
- 2.23** As at 2.20 above
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- 2.25** No any District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee held under the Chairman Ship of Senior most MP of the District.
- 2.26** ZEO'S are always making frequent visits during the course of Mid Day Meal timing and proper vigil is being maintained and ensured
- 2.27** The Monitoring Committees constituted for implementation of the Scheme requires labs for testing of meals and providing of internet facilities at school levels. The matter has been taken up with the Health Department of the State as for testing of the meal samples no facility of labs is in the State.

- 2.28** No untoward incident has been taken so far.
- 2.29** No such complaints have been received so far.
- 2.30** No such awareness Generation/Media campaign organized.
- 2.31** The implementation of the programme is going on successfully and contributing the objective of achieving the enrollment of children in schools and attaining the Universalization of the programme.