

Mid Day Meal Scheme
Annual Work Plan and Budget
2014-15

1. Introduction :

1.1 Brief history -

Malnutrition was widely prevalent in India among growing children. Nutritional deficiencies and their incidences among children of school going age group cannot be neglected. Malnutrition not only gives rise to morbidity and mortality, but also prevents a child from developing in a fully functional adult. It adversely affects education in the following ways;

- i) A malnourished child is less likely to attend school regularly.
- ii) Even if such a child does attend school, he/she finds it difficult to concentrate on and participate in teaching-learning activities well enough. He/She therefore, tends to drop out inter alia, because of the inability to cope up with.
- iii) Even if the child does not actually drop out, his attainment levels tend to be low.

Programme of providing Mid-Day Meal in Schools is designed to help UEE in the following ways:

- i) By improving enrolment and regularity of attendance.
- ii) By reducing drop-out and
- iii) By improving children's level of learning and self-esteem.

National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (commonly known as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme) was launched as a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme on 15th August, 1995. Its objective was to boost Universalisation of Primary Education by increasing enrolment, retention and attendance and simultaneously impacting on nutrition of students in primary classes.

It is being implemented in Maharashtra since 1995-96 onwards. However, the nature of scheme was changed in the right decision of Hon. Supreme Court in Writ Petition No. 196/2001, wherein instead of dry rice the cooked meal was to be given to children on all school days. In 2002, the scheme was implemented in 15 tribal districts of Maharashtra; however, the scope of implementation was extended to all districts of Maharashtra in January, 2003. The scheme implemented for children in Std I to V in Government schools, schools run by local bodies, Government aided private schools and students enrolled in Education Guarantee Scheme Centre i.e. Vastishalas and Alternative and innovative Education Centre i.e. Mahatma Phule Education Guarantee Scheme Centres.

As per Government of India Guidelines, Mid-day Meal Scheme is extended by Govt. of Maharashtra to cover children in upper primary (VI-VIII) classes in 43 educationally backward blocks in 10 districts of Maharashtra State from 1st January 2008.

Now this scheme is being implemented all over Maharashtra state from September, 08 and onwards.

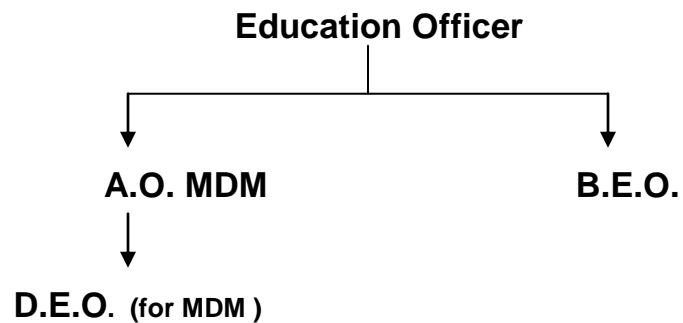
1.2 Management Structure

Management Structure for implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme at State, District, Block and School level is as follows :

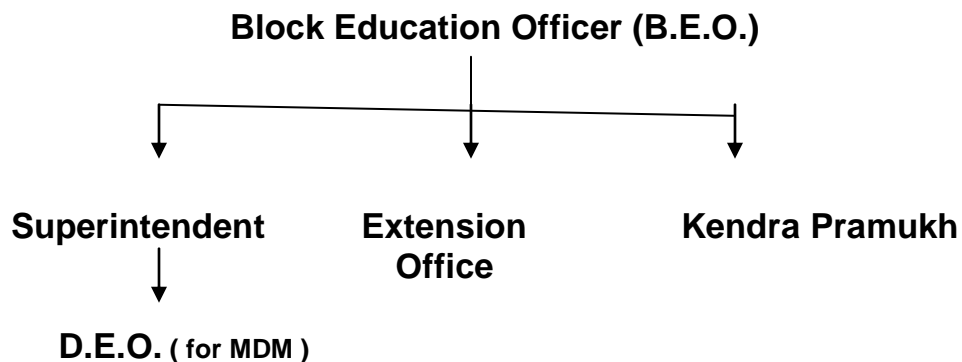
1. Management Structure At State Level



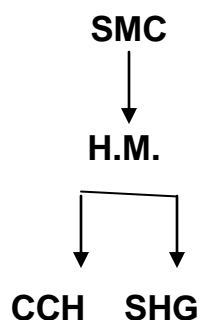
2. Management Structure At District Level (for MDM)



3. Management Structure At Block Level (for MDM)



4. Management Structure At School Level



At school level, mother volunteers, school management committee members and inspecting staff of Education department are made responsible for supervision and monitoring of MDM.

1.3 Process of Plan Formulation;

For smooth implementation of Mid Day Meal Scheme, Director of Primary Education decided Accounts officers/Superintendent to appoint as a coordinating officer at district/Block level. Director of primary Education arranged workshop regarding Annual Work Plan and Budget 2014-15 on 8 & 9 January.2014 for District coordinating Officers. After that District Coordinator officers arranged, workshop for Block level Superintendents (M.D.M.), Superintendents (M.D.M.) collected necessary information from Cluster Heads (Kendrapramukh), Kendrapramukh collected information from School Head for Annual Work Plan and Budget 2014-15.

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 meal served to Children; reasons for programme interruptions, if any and planning to minimize them

In Every School Mid-Day meal (100 Gms of rice for Std I to V & 150 gms of rice for Std VI to VIII) is being given to eligible school children and there are some interruptions in mid-day meals due to delay in supplying rice and condiments by agencies. Instructions about keeping Buffer stock are given to Districts.

2.2 Coverage of children of NCPL schools as per upper primary Norm.NCLP Schools are primary schools but eligible for benefit as per upper primary norm.

No of NCLP Schools as per upper primary norms are-149, Enrolment-8081.

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

Rice is lifted from FCI by the agency appointed through tendering process and other condiments are purchased and is provided to schools by the same agency. Register is maintained at the school level showing details about the quantity of rice received and used every day.

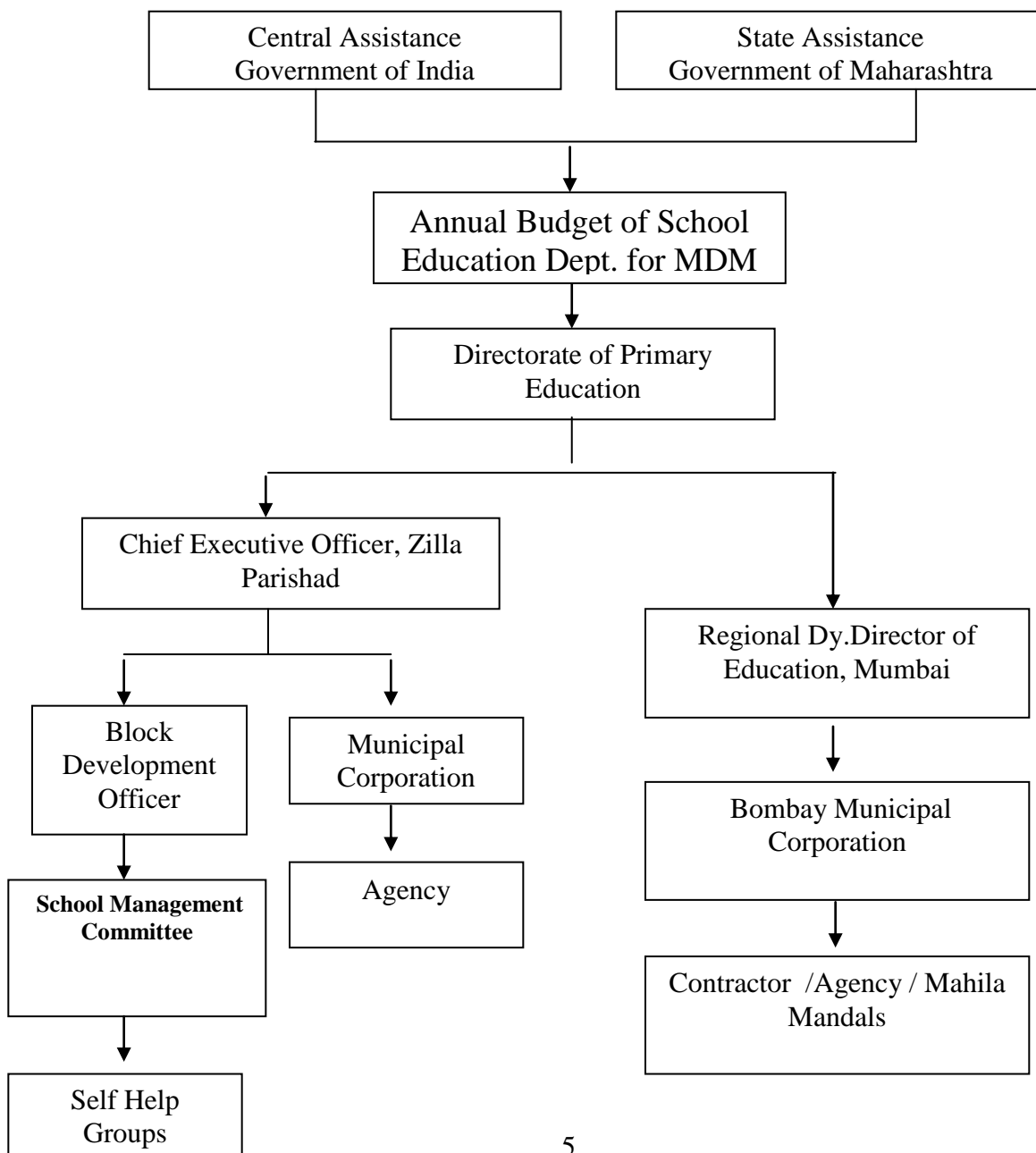
The storage of food grains is made at schools only. If there is delay in supply by the appointed agency, in this period schools can purchase rice and other condiments on their own and they are paid for that.

2.4 System for payment of cost of food grains to FCI, status of pending bills of FCI of previous year.

For payment of cost of food grains to FCI cheque is issued to FCI. As per the food grains supplied to district, bill is submitted by district to Directorate level and they are paid accordingly.

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

Flow of funds



2.5-1 Dates of Released of Cooking Cost 2013-14

Installment	Released by State	Released by Directorate	Released by District	Released by Block
1	16.04.2013	16.05.2013	--	--
2	17.09.2013	20.09.2013	--	--
3	23.10.2013	01.11.2013	--	--

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

2.7 System and mode of payment of honorarium to cook-cum helpers and implementing agencies viz. NGOs/ SHGs / trust/ Centralized kitchens etc. This section should also include the details of cook-cum-helpers like eligibility as per norms, approval of cook cum helpers, engaged and the strategy to fill the gap (if any)

As per the grant received, from block level it is transferred to kendrapramukhs account and Kendrapramukh transfers it to the headmasters account and further headmaster issues cheque to respected cook- cum helpers, or sometimes cash is given to the cook-cum helpers.

Details of cook-cum-helpers as per eligibility of norms is as follows.
For Rural Area

Sr.no	Enrollment 1 to 8	Grant approved per month
1	upto 25 students	Rs.1000/-
2	26 to 199 students	Rs.2000/-
3	200 to 299 students	Rs.3000/-
4	300 to 399 students	Rs.4000/-
5	400 to 499 students	Rs.5000/-
6	500 to 599 students	Rs.6000/-
7	600 to 699 students	Rs.7000/-
8	700 to 799 students	Rs.8000/-
9	800 to 899 students	Rs.9000/-
10	900 and more	Rs.10000/-

For Urban Area

Sr.no	Enrollment 1 to 8	Grant approved per month
1	500 students	Rs.2000/-
2	1000 students	Rs.4000/-
3	5000 students	Rs.6000/-
4	10000 students	Rs.8000/-
5	10000 and more students	Rs.10000/-

Total no of approved Cook cum helpers -230184

Total no of engaged cook cum helpers – 163389

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

The ingredients like pulses, vegetables including leafy ones, salt, condiments, oil and fuel etc. are purchased by agencies and supplied to schools and procured by cooking agency of school under supervision of SMC. Now (The state Government has taken policy decision and decided to call expression of interest from NGO's for supply of cooked meal in the urban area, it is in process. Hon. High Court has given a Status-quo on 29/10/2012. Also in rural area separate agency is appointed by way of open tendering process for transportation of rice and supply of other ingredients to cooking agencies. Presently ingredients are supplied by state level agency.

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

Cooking Agencies for e.g. Mahila self-help groups, Needy women or N.O.G.s are engaged in cooking & serving of MDM. Members of School management committee supervise the quality of food.

Woman parents have been asked to supervise the quality of food everyday. The meal is served to students in presence of teacher / member of SMC. Ingredients are purchased by agency appointed by open tendering process.

In Mid Day Meal Scheme at school level, implementing agency is School Management Committee for local bodies' school and for private aided schools. This committee decides cooking agency for Mid Day Meal. According to rules and regulations given by the Government the cooking agency is responsible for cooking, serving and cleaning. While School Management Committee, Headmasters, Kendrapramukh, Extension Officers, Block Education Officer and Superintendent (M.D.M.) are responsible for supervision.

To avoid any untoward incident districts have been instructed to keep fire extinguishers and sand buckets in schools Also the cooking agencies appointed by SMC should take precautions about cleanliness and health check up of cook cum helpers should be done. SMC members & teachers should first take the taste of the meal before half an hour & then the meal should be served to students. Also continuous and random checking and supervision by the field officers should be done to prevent any untoward happening. Instructions about keeping emergency numbers of PHC near by, Ambulance & Fire brigade services etc and displaying them on the prominent place in bold letters. Instructions are given to take care, about keeping First-Aid boxes up to date.

2.10 Procedure and status of construction of Kitchen-cum-store. This section should also include progress of construction of Kitchen-cum-stores during this year and target for the next year.

i) Funds released under the Mid-day meal programme - Central Government released Rs.22828.80 lakhs in October. 08 for construction of kitchen sheds. The work of constructions of kitchen shed was assigned to Maharashtra Prathmik Shikshan Parishad (MPSP) a statutory body and total amount was handed over to them. The tenders were called but due to low response from the bidder, the tender is cancelled and new tendering process is completed and work of construction of kitchen shed was assigned to Sintex Industries Ltd. in March 2012. 6000 Kitchen cum stores are sanctioned for Private aided schools.

Progress of construction of Kitchen-cum-stores

Sr.no	Year of sanctioned	No of sanctioned	completed	In progress	surrendered
1	2005-2006	18417	17816	67	245
2	2006-07	87	54	0	0
3	2007-08	0	0	0	0
4	2008-09	38048	16400	980	0
5	2009-10	1355	835	385	0
6	2010-2011	7876	1417	3164	414
	2013-2014	6000	-	-	-
	Total	71783	36522	4596	659

Note 1 :- Kitchen-cum-stores sanctioned during 2008-09 are of pre-fabricated type.
2 :- Kitchen-cum-stores sanctioned during 2013-14 are for the private aided schools.

2.11 Procedure of procurement of kitchen devices from (i) funds released under the Mid Day Meal Programme (ii) other sources;

- (i) Funds released under the Mid-day meal programme -
Central assistance received towards procurement of kitchen devices is as follows:
- a) In 2012-2013 – 2122.50 lakhs.
 - b) In 2013-2014 – 3223.00 lakhs.
- Steel plates have been distributed from the funds received.
- (ii) Other sources - During 2011-12, 751500 steel plates and 170068 glasses are procured from 4% Contingency funds.

2.12 Capacity building and training conducted for different categories of persons involved in the Mid Day Meal programme. This section should include details of the training programme conducted for cook-cum-helpers, state level officials, SMC members, school teachers and other stakeholders along with target for the next year.

For capacity building, districts have conducted training for cook-cum-helpers in 2012-2013. Districts are given instructions to give training to the cook cum helpers about taking precautions while cooking and serving, also how to cook nutritious food; training should be given with the help of Home science Department. SMCs have been given training in two phases in the current year 2013-2014.

2.13 Management Information system at school, village/Gram Panchayat, Block, District and State level.

It was instructed to all concern authorities to constitute steering cum monitoring committees vide Government resolution dated 31.5.2005.

A State level committee

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Chief Secretary | Chairman |
| 2. Deputy secretary school Education Dept. | Member Secretary |

B Directorate level committee

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| 1. Director of primary Education | Chairman |
| 2. Dy. Director of primary Education | Member Secretary |

C District level committee

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| 1. District collector | Chairman |
| 2. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad | Vice chairman |
| 3. Education Officer (Primary) | Member Secretary |

D Block level committee

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| 1. Sub Divisional Officer | Chairman |
| 2. Block Education Officer | Member Secretary |

E Municipal Corporation level committee

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| 1. Commissioner | Chairman |
| 2. Education Officer (Mun.Corp.) | Member Secretary |

F School level committee

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| 1. Chairman, SMC | Chairman |
| 2. Headmaster | Member Secretary |

Note – In each committee, representatives from Food & Civil Supply Department & experts in nutrition are included.

2.14 Systems to ensure transparency and openness in all aspects of programme implementation, including inter alias, food grains management, ingredients procurement, cooking and serving, appointment of cooking staff, construction of kitchen sheds, procurement of cooking devices.

- i) Superintendent (Mid-day Meal Scheme) is appointed at block level & Municipal corporation level to Supervise the MDM Programme
- ii) Regular weekly menu is displayed on notice board.
- iii) Regular meeting of Mid –Day Meal is taken by the SMC at school level.
- iv) Woman parents are involved for supervision of cooked meal, also supervise whether pulses & vegetables are adequate .
- v) Stock & expenditure register is maintained by school and open for inspection
- vi) Taste register is provided to every school and regularly entries are taken by SMC members, parents and teachers.

2.15 Measures taken to rectify

- a) Inter-District low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost.
- b) Intra-District mismatch in utilization of food grains and cooking cost.

Actually at inter-District or intra District there is no low and uneven utilization of food grains and cooking cost. In the state, uneven or low utilization was noticed due to incorrect information collected from school level & block level.

- c) Delay in delivering cooking cost at school level.

Grants received from central Government are converted into Grant-in-aid of state, and then released to Directorate. There after to CEO of Zillha Parishad. It requires time to withdraw this amount from district treasury and transfer it to Block level & then distribute it at concerned school management committee. Hence, there was delay in delivering cooking cost. To reduce delay in delivering cooking cost and for timely distribution of Mid Day Meal scheme grant to schools, according to the Government resolution dated 2 February, 2013 separate grant memo for districts level and for school level are issued so that the grant is utilized under the respective head.

2.16 Details of Evaluation studies conducted and summary of its findings.

MHRD appointed CDECS, Jaipur and Indian Institute of Education, Pune for monitoring of the scheme in the state. And the respective institute conducted monitoring visits to the schools in Jalana, Hingoli, Washim, Buldana, Nanded, Thane, Mumbai, Nashik and Dhule districts.

2.17 Brief writes up on best practices followed in the State.

According to Evaluation report good habits incorporated in students, poor house holds have started sending their children to school regularly. As the children get good food regularly, students of all cast and creed have their meal together without any discrimination, so also there is no discrimination within boys and girls.

State Govt.has set up the committee under the chairmanship of J.M.Abyankar for recommending changes in implementation of M.D.M. Accordingly, the recommendation of this Committee, State Govt. published G.R. on 18th June 2009 regarding improvement in implementation of MDM. As per this G.R. in Rural area Rice and other material (eg.dal, oil, turmeric powder, Salt etc.) is supplied to the school directly. In Urban area there will be central kitchen system which will provide ready cooked food directly to school. The Expression of Interest is being called for urban area. For implementing above system work is in process at present there is stay.

Best Practice about Kitchen Shed

The Government of Maharashtra has entrusted the work of providing Kitchen Sheds all over Maharashtra State to DPEMS. Now this office intends to provide modular prefabricated kitchen shed of approximate 120 Square Feet each for 38048 schools in various districts across all over Maharashtra State.

1. Name of Work: Construction of Modular Pre-Fabricated Kitchen Sheds of area approx. 120 Sq. ft. each under Mid Day Meal Scheme in State of Maharashtra.
2. Place of Work: Kitchen sheds to be constructed in various districts of Maharashtra as per Appendix I.
3. Estimated Cost: Rs. 228.23 Crores. (Rs.60,000/- per no.)
4. Project Cost : Rs. 284.98 Crores (Rs.74,900/- per no.)

Salient Features of Project

- Size of Kitchen shed 3.30 mtr.X 3.30 mtr.
- Plinth Construction in BB / RCC Block / UCR Masonry.
- Pedestal blocks in M20 grade concrete for foundation of post.
- Posts & roof trusses fabricated from rolled steel section.

- Flooring with M15 Plain Cement Concrete.
- 35 mm thick Sandwich panel - walls with aluminum sheet on Either side & insulated with Poly Eurethene Foam.
- Profiled colour coated Roof sheets.
- MS Door frame and Sandwich PUF panel door shutter.
- Provision of ventilation from all four sides.
- Provision of one light point & one plug point.

The actual construction of a pre-fabricated kitchen shed on site requires maximum 5 days to complete the kitchen shed. As time required for a kitchen shed is less comparing to time required for regular RCC or any conventional method, and costing is less as compared to any other structure. This modular pre-fabricated kitchen shed have wall panels & door shutter of fire proof material & remaining is of structural members. The kitchen shed structure have durability& is a decent structure



Pre-fabricated Kitchen



Pre-fabricated Kitchen of fire proof material



Pre-fabricated Kitchen of fire proof material

Best practice in Satara District –

In kumthe bit, satara taluka, district satara, all approx. 25 schools have developed Parasbag. All schools in Kumthe bit use vegetables and fruits from parasbag in mid day meal.



Satara District



Satara District



Satara District

Best practice in Akola District –

In Partur Taluka 6 Primary Schools have dinning hall and table with bench build by public contribution. Cooks wear clean cotton uniform during cooking.

Best practice in Yavatmal District-

Dining tables are set up in Zillha Parishad Primary School Belora and Jambhulni,of Block Yavatmal.

Best practice in Chandrapur District-

In most of the schools some members of the society have gifted kitchen devices (plates and other utensils). The schools use this open space to grow vegetables like drum stick, brinjals and coriander leaves.

2.18 Instance of unhygienic food served, children falling ill, sub-standard supplies, diversion/misuse of resources, Social discrimination and safety measures adapted to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

The Mid-day meal scheme is individual beneficiaries Scheme In the state, near about 123 lakh students are taking benefit of this scheme. Scheme is decentralized. There is a possibility of few incidents like unhygienic food served, children falling ill etc. But timely instructions have been given to all concern authority of implementing agencies to take precautionary measures to avoid such type of incidents. Instructions are given to District Education

Officers, vide letters dated 31/07/2013, 03/08/2013 & 20/8/2013. Food grains as per the standards of Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011 are supplied to schools. Even if there is any complain about quality or damage, supplier replaces the poor quality food grains.

2.19 System of tasting of food by teachers and testing of food sample by any reputed labs.

Before serving food, Head master / SMC members /Teachers taste the food before half an hour. Instructions about testing the sample of food from labs at least twice in the year are given to district officials.

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

Mid day meal scheme is implemented by SMC at village level. Municipal Corporation & council at urban level by Ward Education committee & in Private Aided Schools by Management Committee of Schools are responsible for implementation. They appoint agencies like SHG, Mahila Mandal, needy women or NGOs. So there is full involvement of Panchayat Raj Institutions at various levels. In Maharashtra few Municipal Corporations has assigned the work of cooking to NGOs like ISKCON Relief Foundtion, Naik Foundation etc.

2.21 Status of School Health Programme with special focus on provision of micro-nutrients, Vitamin-A, de-worming medicine, Iron and Folic acid, Zinc and recording of height, weight etc.

School health programme is implemented for Ist to VIIIth class students in Maharastra. Under this Programme, medical check up of the students is carried out and treatment was given for minor illness and referral services were provided for major illness. Under Mid-day meal scheme there is no separate programme carried out for students.

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

At school level school management committee members, mother volunteers, and inspecting staff (Kendrapramukh, Extension officers, Superintendent (MDM), Block Education officers) of Education department are made responsible for supervision and monitoring of MDM. At district level, flying squads are established. At State level, vigilance squads are established.

Toll free helpline number 1800 233 9988 is made operational at state level for public to complain or to suggest about any aspect related to MDM scheme implementation.

2.23 Steps taken to strengthen the monitoring mechanism in the Block, District and State level and status of constitution of SMCs at these levels. Status of formation on school management committee at village/school/cooking agency level in the light of right to Education Act, 2009.

To strengthen monitoring mechanism in the village, Block, District and state, steering-cum-Monitoring Committees have been constituted at each level. In the light of right to Education Act, 2009, School management committees are formed at school level. SMCs have been given training in two phases in the current year 2013-2014.

2.24 Frequency of meeting of District Vigilance & Monitoring 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 Maharashtra state, District level vigilance and monitoring committees are constituted vide Government Resolution, dated 31st March, 2005. Instructions about convening meeting at least once in each quarter and circulating minutes along with Action taken report to all the members are given to the District education officers.

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

Departmental Inspection of Mid Day Meal Scheme is done by the field officials which includes a) District Education Officer b) Block Education Officers/Superintendent c) Extension Officer d) Kendra pramukh e) SMC/Ward Committee.

No. of schools Inspected in the current year – 91422.

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

Monitoring Institutes 1.Indian Institute of Education, Pune visited Jalna, Hingoli, Washim, Buldhana, Nanded and 2. Centre for Development Communication and studies (CDECS), Jaipur has visited Thane, Mumbai, Nasik, Dhule from 1st April, 2013 to 30th September, 2013 and submitted their reports. JRM visited Buldhana and Ahmednagar district from 30th September, 2013 to 9th October, 2013.

A) Findings of Centre for Development Communication and studies (CDECS), Jaipur are as follows.

1. Information under RTE Act 2009 (Date of receipt of food grains, Balance quantity of food grains utilized, other ingredients purchased and utilized, number of students availed MDM, MDM daily menu.) was not displayed in any of the sample schools.
2. In Nasik, delay of duration in receiving cooking cost was more than 30 days. Health check up of cook cum helpers was not reported in any of the 33 sample schools visited. No roster is being maintained by the community members for supervision of MDM.
3. In Mumbai, MDM served to the children in all sample schools was not hot as it was supplied by NGO/SHG. By NGO/SHG meal was prepared in early morning and used in the afternoon. The quality of MDM supplied by ISKON was good But MDM supplied by SHG/ Bachat ghat was tasteless.
4. In Thane District, remuneration was not paid to cooks/helpers regularly. Also monitoring by state and district officials was not a regular phenomenon.
5. In Dhule, none of sample schools received funds timely. Health check up of cook cum helpers was not reported. Weighing machine was not available. MDM supplied by SHG/ Bachat ghat was tasteless. No social audit and no roster is maintained by community members for supervision of MDM. Schools have not received any funds under MME.

B) Findings of Indian Institute of Education, Pune are -

1. In all visited 5 districts, funds were not released regularly.
2. All sample schools had not received cooking cost regularly or not in advance.
3. Display of information under Right to Education Act, 2009 was not displayed. Out of all items of RTE, only weekly menu was displayed. in all sample schools.
4. Daily supervision or monitoring by committee members or parents was found to be poor in all sample schools.

According to the findings of monitoring Institutions, District Education officers will be informed to take precautionary measures to remove the drawbacks in the implementation of the Mid Day Meal scheme.

C) Findings and Action taken of JRM

1. There is delay of more than 4-5 months w.r.t.to ad-hoc release and 1 month for balance of first installment. For this Green channel system for funds flow can be adopted. For policy decision letter has been forwarded to Government.

2. Revision of cooking cost -- cooking cost is revised vide Government Resolution dated 06/12/2013.
3. Interruption in MDM-- Instructions about maintaining Buffer stock are issued to District Education Officers.
4. Bins may be provided for storing food grains-- Schools not having bins will be provided bins from funds received under Kitchen shed.
5. Construction of kitchen cum store-- construction is in progress. Up till April, 2014 construction will be completed in all local body schools.

6000 Kitchen cum stores are sanctioned for Private aided schools. The proposal for remaining Private aided schools will be submitted in the current year.

With respect to the findings of JRM, instructions are given to the District Education Officers vide letter dated 16/12/2013

2.27 Details of the contingency plan to avoid any untoward incident

To avoid any untoward incident districts have been instructed-

1. To keep fire extinguishers and sand buckets in schools.
2. SMC members should inspect whether health check up and cleanliness of cook cum helpers (appointed by cooking agency) is carried out regularly or not.
3. SMC members & teachers should first take the taste of the meal before half an hour & then the meal should be served to students.
4. Also continuous and random checking and supervision by the field officers should be done to prevent any untoward happening.
5. Instructions about keeping phone numbers of PHC near by, local clinic, Hospitals, Ambulance & Fire brigade services etc and displaying them on the prominent places
6. First-Aid boxes should be kept in schools.

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

Toll free helpline for lodging complaints has been activated.

No. of complaints received under MDMS - 20.

Nature of complaint are shortage of rice, spices & condiments due to late supply, complaints regarding quality of food grains, delay in receiving cooking cost and honorarium to CCH.

As soon as the cell receives the complaint the officials contacts the Education officers of the particular district and ask them to take necessary action immediately.

2.29 Awareness Generation/ Media campaign if any.

In the current year, banners have been provided to schools which display information about Midday Meal scheme and instructions about displaying the necessary information in prominent places are given to district officials.

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

The scheme is popular all over the state and particularly in rural and tribal areas. The students are developing better eating habits. The parents are also satisfied with quantity & quality of food. Since the scheme has been totally decentralized, the community participation has increased. Mothers' involvement in supervision of cooked meal is helping children to participate in this programme. This scheme has helped retain children in the school for the entire day. Mid day meal scheme is implemented with full decentralization at village & school level. SMC is fully authorized to implement the mid day meal scheme at school level. Funds are provided to SMC and are authorized to extend.

◆ Revision of Cooking Cost –

According to the Government Resolution dated 06/12/2013, cooking cost @ 7.5 % has been revised w.e.f from July, 2013.

◆ System of procurement and its strengthening -

In Maharashtra state, rice is lifted from FCI by the agency appointed through tendering process and other food grains, pulses and condiments are purchased and supplied to schools by the same agency under supervision of SMC. Food grains as per the standards of Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011 and an ISO marked condiments are supplied to schools.

◆ Making Budget Provision in the State Budget for flow of Central Assistance-

Adequate requirement of the budget (central share and state share) for the said scheme is submitted to State Government in four monthly budget for receiving the central assistance as well as state Governments contribution in the scheme.

◆ **Management and Monitoring -**

a) Strengthening of Monitoring and Management Structure:

The state of Maharashtra has no separate cell for Mid Day Meal Scheme. The MDM Guidelines for MME has allowed to appoint staff on contract basis. Some other states in the country has established separate MDM cell or directorate. Therefore taking into consideration the importance of scheme and its monitoring, separate MDM cell is necessary. Therefore, proposal for state level separate MDM cell under MME funds has been submitted to the state government which consist of different posts out of which some are proposed to be filled by way of deputation and some posts are proposed to be filled on contract basis , which is yet to be finalized.

b) Web enabled Management Information System integrated with IVRS:

Proposal will be submitted to the state government regarding setting up of state project monitoring unit for implementation of the IVRS project.

c) Social Audit :

In Maharashtra, for the social audit Latur district is selected by central government and another district Pune is selected by the state government.

◆ **Awareness and Community participation -**

In Maharashtra, the scheme is implemented by SMC which includes parents / teachers and local body members. In the current year, banners containing information about scheme are provided to the schools and which are displayed at the prominent place in the school which is healthful to know the benefits of the scheme to the community.

◆ **Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers -**

Preference is given to disadvantage group individual which includes needy women, backward class. In most of the places honorarium is paid through e-transfer and by cheque.

◆ **Convergence with Schemes of other Ministries/ Departments -**

MDM has convergence with SSA as some grants of school facilities have been used for Mid day Meal and also SSA helps in providing water and sanitation facilities in the schools. School

Health Card for each school child is maintained in schools. Children are given micro-nutrients (IRON, FOLIC ACID, VITAMIN A Dosages) and de-worming medicine in the schools by Health Department. The first aid medical kit is made available in schools

◆ **Strategy for enhancing the coverage of children -**

For strengthening the management structure to ensure effective implementation of the scheme in poor performing districts, strategy like increasing visits by field officers and monitoring the implementation of the scheme will be applied and accordingly instructions will be given to the districts. Already instructions have been issued to districts about motivating community members – parents/ SMCs/ Panchayat for increasing their participation in supervision and monitoring of Mid day Meal scheme, and adopting social audit mechanism for Mid day Meal scheme.

◆ **Capacity Building and Training**

Training for cook-cum-helpers will be organized for giving them information about safety, hygiene and about nutrition values through the Institution of Hotel Management / Home Science Departments.

◆ **Score cards for State and District based on performance -**

The Score Card is printed in the register that is to be maintained at the school level. On the basis of which ranking of schools is done based on parameters such as –

- timely receiving of funds, rice and condiments,
- remuneration is paid to cook-cum-helpers,
- displaying weekly menu, contact numbers of PHC, Civil Hospitals and Local Doctors in prominent place,
- regularity in SMC Meetings, availability of Kitchen-cum-store,
- involvement of parents in tasting meals before serving to students,
- Availability of separate toilets for girls and boys in usable condition.
- Precautionary measures about cleanliness have been taken
- facility of drinking water,
- planning for disaster management,
- best practices
- whether monthly, quarterly, yearly reports are computerized

Accordingly blocks and districts will be ranked.

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The state of Maharashtra has no separate directorate for Mid Day Meal Scheme. The MDM Guidelines for MME has allowed to appoint staff on contract basis. Some other states in the country has established separate MDM cell or directorate. Therefore taking into consideration the importance of scheme and its monitoring, separate MDM cell is necessary. Therefore under MME funds state level MDM cell is proposed as under-

State Level MDM Cell & District Coordinators

1.	State Nodal officer - MDM (1 post)	9 Lakh
2.	Dy. Director - MDM (1 post) (General)	6 Lakh
3.	Dy. Director - MDM (1 post) (Monitoring & MIS)	6 Lakh
4.	Assistant Director (Planning)	5.40 Lakh
5.	Assistant Director (Monitoring & MIS)	5.40 Lakh
6.	Assistant Director (Nutrition & Training)	5.40 Lakh
7.	Accounts officer (1 post)	5 Lakh
8.	Asst. Account officer (1 post)	4 Lakh
9.	Accountant (2)	6 Lakh
10.	Support Staff (10) @ State Rate Contract	14.40 Lakh
11.	Other office expenditure including building on rent, hiring of vehicles etc.,	50.00 Lakh
12.	District Coordinators in each district to be engaged (MBA Qualified persons on contract basis) (34 dist x 12 months x Rs. 25000 pm)	102. 00 Lakh
	Total Expenditure (State + District + Block)	218.60 Lakh

The MDM cell is proposed as having above different posts of which Sr.No. 1 to 9 are proposed to be filled by way of deputation/Transfer and Sr.No. 10 & 12 posts are proposed to be filled on contract basis.

MME Item wise Expenditure Plan (2014-15)

Sr.No.	Name of Item	Proposed Expenditure
School Level		
1.	Training of Cook-cum-Helper & Training Material @ 100/- per cook	175 Lakh
2.	Different Stock Registers at school level	250 Lakh
3.	Soap, Phinel, Kitchen devices etc.	470 Lakh
A	Sub Total	895 Lakh
State Level		
1	Capacity Building Programme (Training of officers)	50 Lakh
2	State Level MDM cell + District coordinator (MBA) + Data Entry Operator at block, district & state level	660 Lakh
3	IEC (Advt., Publicity etc.)	45 Lakh
4	Contingency Changes @ 20,000 at block level @ 50,000 at dist. Level	88 Lakh
5	Other Expenses & Contingencies	50.96 Lakh
B	Sub Total	893.96 Lakh
A + B	Total	1788.96 Lakh

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