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**Department of School Education & Literacy**  
**PM POSHAN Division**  
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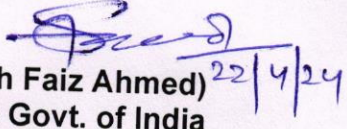
**Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi**  
**Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2024**

**Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Programme Approval Board (PAB) held on 27.03.2024 to consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) of UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir under PM POSHAN Scheme for 2024-25.**

The meeting of Programme Approval Board-Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held at **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi on 27.03.2024** under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Government of India, to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget 2024-25 in respect of **UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir.**

2. The minutes of the above PAB meeting have been approved by the Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy and the same are enclosed for information and necessary action.

**Encl. As above.**

  
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10. Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
11. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi.
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13. Shri Vipin Kumar, Additional Secretary (SS-II), MoE.
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**Minutes of the meeting of Programme Approval Board to consider the Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 of the PM POSHAN Scheme for the UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir.**

The meeting of the Programme Approval Board-PM POSHAN (PAB-PM POSHAN) was held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Government of India. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed at *Annexure-I*.

The agenda before the PAB-PM POSHAN was:

- i. To review the status and progress of the implementation of the PM POSHAN Scheme in the UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir.
- ii. To consider the Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25 proposal of UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir for the PM POSHAN Scheme.

**2.** Shri Anandrao V. Patil, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L, Government of India, welcomed the Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB and other members of PAB-PM POSHAN. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB, in his opening remarks stated that PM POSHAN Scheme is a Rights based Centrally Sponsored Scheme. He emphasized that the Scheme provides nutritional support through hot cooked meals to eligible students, under the National Food Security Act, 2013. The Scheme plays pivotal role in enhancing enrollment and increasing students' attendance in schools. Additional Secretary DoSE&L, highlighted the focus areas for 2024-25 viz. timely submission of proposals for release of funds, health check up 100% students, maintenance of health cards and provision of micronutrients and deworming medicine, Social Audit of the Scheme as per Scheme Guidelines, daily data entry of 100% schools on Automated Monitoring System (AMS) setting up of School Nutrition Gardens (SNGs) for ensuring Micronutrients in the meal and experiential learning for students to grow their own vegetables, testing of meals through NABL accredited laboratories, encouraging Community Participation through "Tithi Bhojan", training of all engaged Cook-cum-Helpers and ensuring LPG for preparation of meals etc.

3. Further, he invited Shri Rakesh Magotra, Director, Education Department, UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir to brief the PAB about implementation of the Scheme in the UT. He made a presentation on the performance of Scheme in the UT during FY 2023-24 and proposals under Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) 2024-25.

Subsequently, on behalf of Government of India, Additional Secretary, DoSE&L made a presentation on the analysis of implementation of the Scheme during FY 2023-24 and recommendations for FY 2024-25 based on the appraisal of UT's AWP&B-2024-25, for consideration and approval of PAB.

#### 4. Review of Performance during 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023

##### 4.1 Coverage of students:

Average number of students covered under the Scheme with reference to enrolment and PAB approval are as under:

Level	Enrolment	PAB Approval	Average No. of Students availed meals	% Avg. students availed meals vis-à-vis enrolment	% Avg. students availed meals vis-à-vis PAB Approval
Bal Vatika	197460	138898	155665	79%	112%
Primary	543379	445462	467382	86%	105%
Upper Primary	292430	259098	252450	86%	97%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1033269</b>	<b>843458</b>	<b>875497</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>104%</b>

PAB observed that there is an increase of 18,778 in enrolment from 2022-23 to 2023-24. The coverage has also increased by 32,038 students from 2022-23 to 2023-24. PAB appreciated the UT for coverage of 85% students of total enrolment.

##### 4.2 School Working Days:

PAB approved 192 days for Bal Vatikas, Primary and Upper Primary to be covered during 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023, UT reported the coverage of 160 days in Bal Vatikas, 164 days in Primary and 165 days in Upper Primary.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information.

### **4.3 Financial Performances:**

PAB had approved financial outlay of Rs. 16221.47 lakh comprising of Rs. 14735.90 Lakh as Centre Share and Rs. 1485.57 lakh as UT Share for FY 2023-24. The PAB also approved allocation of 21406.15 MTs food-grains.

It was further informed that UT has Unspent Balance of Rs 1286.55 lakh available as on 01.04.2023. 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Rs. 3636.45 lakh was released on 05.12.2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Rs. 3636.45 lakh was released on 30.01.2024 to the UT. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> instalment of Rs. 5454.67 lakh was released on 16.03.2024 to the UT.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information.

### **4.4 PFMS - Fund Flow Mechanism**

UT informed that they have completed all procedures for implementation of new system of release of funds in line with the revised procedure prescribed by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and now PFMS is being used for all releases and expenditure purposes under the Scheme.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the efforts of UT Administration in implementation of new system for release of funds under PFMS. As per SNA 06 report of PFMS, UT Administration transferred the central assistance along with corresponding UT share within the stipulated time of 30 days. Provision of adequate budgetary provisions in UT budget both for Central and UT share has also been done. Further, PAB advised the UT to ensure the following:

- i. UT Linked Scheme (SLS) to be created for shareable and non-shareable components.
- ii. Transfer of funds (Central and UT) to SNA within 30 days upon receiving by UT Treasury from Government of India. In case of delay in transfer of funds, interest shall be charged as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- iii. Mapping of all identified IAs.
- iv. Expenditure is done exclusively through PFMS only.
- v. Deposit of interest earned in SNA to CFI within prescribed timelines.
- vi. Submission of Legacy Data after approval of UT Finance Department, if any.
- vii. Provision of adequate budgetary provisions in the UT budget, both for the Central and the UT shares.
- viii. All information is reflected properly in corresponding tables / Reports in PFMS.

#### **4.5 Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):**

UT has reported no funds utilized under MME component from 1<sup>st</sup> April to till 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

**Comments of PAB:** The PAB has expressed deep concern over no utilization of MME funds and emphasized on the importance of monitoring and awareness generation for better implementation of the Scheme and advised the UT to ensure optimal utilization of the funds under MME. UT Administration was also advised to ensure display of entitlements of students in all schools and carry out appropriate IEC activities for awareness generation and testing of meals through NABL accredited laboratories.

#### **4.6 Engagement of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) and honorarium**

PAB-PM POSHAN had approved 32,394 Cook-cum-Helpers to be engaged during FY 2023-24 in the UT, the UT has engaged 30,166 Cook-cum-Helpers (93%).

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the UT to engaged the CCHs as per need and norms for successful implementation of the Scheme.

#### **4.7 Kitchen-cum-Stores (Construction as well as repair):**

Central Assistance of Rs. 8170.05 Lakh was released for construction of 11,488 Kitchen-cum-Stores during 2006-07 to 2011-12. UT informed that construction has been completed for 6,791 Kitchen-cum-Stores (59%) as on 30.11.2023. 4,697 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores has not been completed as yet.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed deep concern over low construction of 4,697 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores is pending since considerable period and advised the UT to surrender the total amount along with interest for 4,697 units of Kitchen-cum-Stores by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024.

#### **4.8 Kitchen Devices (new as well as replacement):**

Central Assistance of Rs.1142.15 lakh was released for procurement of 22,844 units of new Kitchen Devices. The UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir has reported that 21,533 units of new Kitchen Devices were procured. 1,183 units of Kitchen Devices are yet to be procured by the UT. UT Administration has further informed that an amount of Rs. 6.40 Lakhs for

procurement of 128 units of Kitchen Devices for the UT of Ladakh is lying with Finance Department of UT Administration of J&K. UT informed that the matter has been taken up with the UT Finance Department for surrendering total pending 1311 units of Kitchen Devices.

Central Assistance of Rs. 37.25 lakh was released for the replacement of 745 Kitchen Devices. UT informed that procurement of 745 units of Kitchen Devices for replacement has been completed.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed deep concern over the delay of procurement of 1,183 units of Kitchen Devices sanctioned over several years. PAB advised the UT to surrender the amount of all pending units of Kitchen Devices allowing with interest on or before 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

#### **4.9 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens:**

UT Administration has developed School Nutrition Gardens in 10,638 schools (58%) out of 18,231 schools.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB noted the information and also advised the UT to setting up School Nutrition Gardens in 100% of the schools. As per norms Rs. 5000/- per school may be used for development and maintenance of School Nutrition Gardens under flexi funds component. School Nutrition Gardens may also be developed in convergence with local Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department etc. The funds available under MNREGA of Department of Rural Development for certain eligible components may also be utilized in convergence with them.

#### **4.10 Community Participation - Tithi Bhojan or similar practices**

The concept of Tithi Bhojan has been adopted by the UT Administration under which, members from general public provide nutritious meals or seasonal fruits or vegetables to students on special occasions like local festivals.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the UT to create awareness regarding Tithi Bhojan and enhance community involvement for Tithi Bhojan.

#### **4.11 Supplementary Nutrition:**

UT Administration did not provide any supplementary nutrition items to the students during FY 2023-24.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised UT to make the provision to provide the supplementary nutrition items to the students as done by other States/UTs.

#### **4.12 Testing of meals:**

UT reported that 349 samples were collected and tested during the year, reports yet to submit.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the UT to carry out the testing of the samples of meals to check quality and nutritional contents etc. through NABL / FSSAI accredited laboratories across the UT as envisaged in the Scheme Guidelines in FY 2024-25 and asked the UT to share the reports with the PM POSHAN Bureau of the DoSE&L, Government of India.

#### **4.13 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers and other capacity building activities:**

UT did not conduct any training to Cook-cum-Helpers during 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed dissatisfaction for not training Cook-cum-Helpers and UT Administration was advised to organize training programmes and cooking competition for all Cook-cum-Helpers during FY 2024-25 and submit its report.

#### **4.14 Data Entry on PM POSHAN-MIS Web Portal:**

PM POSHAN MIS portal captures information on critical indicators of the PM POSHAN Scheme. The annual data entry module captures master data on availability of Kitchen-cum-Stores, Kitchen Devices, number of Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, mode of cooking etc. The monthly data entry module captures data on number of days meals were served; number of meals served, honorarium paid to Cook-cum-Helpers engaged, number of students who received IFA tablets, number of students screened under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) etc. UT has completed 91% annual data entry and 98% schools completed monthly data entry in the MIS portal.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB advised the UT to take corrective measures to complete timely data entry in the MIS Portal. PAB also advised the UT Administration to ensure that officials



at various levels are sensitized about significance of correct data entry and quality check of the data entered in MIS, through reviews on monthly basis.

#### **4.15 Status of implementation of Automated Monitoring System (AMS):**

AMS has been put in place for real time monitoring of PM POSHAN. Data on number of meals served on a particular day and reasons if meals not served are being captured from schools with no cost to school headmasters/teachers. Out of 18,231 total schools, on an average 9,520 schools (52%) submitted daily data on AMS.

**Comments of PAB:** Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB expressed his dissatisfaction over the low percentage of data reported of only 52% schools on Automated Monitoring System which is an important platform for real time monitoring of the Scheme. **He further advised the UT to ensure data submission by 100% schools on all school working days on AMS by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

#### **4.16 Centralized Kitchens:**

There is no Centralized Kitchen in the UT under PM POSHAN Scheme.

#### **4.17 Social Audit:**

Social Audit has been conducted in all 20 districts covering total 17,009 schools by Panchayati Raj Institutions/Urban Local Bodies during from 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023. UT informed that Social Audit Report yet to be submitted by the Social Audit Units.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB appreciated the effort made by UT. However, UT Administration was asked to engage specific agency as per norms and conduct Social Audit. **UT Administration was advised the UT to conduct Social Audit as per the Scheme guidelines in at least 20 schools or 2% of the schools, whichever is higher in each district** through independent agencies having experience in conduct of such audits. UT Administration was also advised to draw annual calendar of activities to conduct Social Audit in a manner so that it is completed by September 2024. UT was also advised to share the Social Audit Report after completion of Social Audit immediately along with Action Taken thereon. Expenditures on Social Audit may be met from MME component.

#### 4.18 Menu

The PM POSHAN Guidelines envisages that 100 grams food grains, 20 grams pulses, 50 grams vegetables and 5 grams oil to be used per meals per child in Primary and 150 grams food grains, 30 grams pulses, 75 grams vegetables and 7.5 grams oils to be used per child per meal in Upper Primary. Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB appreciated the wide range of items provided by UT in the menu. He further opined that the food norms of the Scheme are to be followed in true spirit so that students receive prescribed calories, proteins, fats etc. in prescribed amounts as mentioned in the below table.

S.No.	Items	Primary	Upper Primary
<b>A. Nutrition norms per child per day</b>			
1.	Calorie	450	700
2.	Protein	12 gms	20 gms
<b>B. Food norms per child per day</b>			
1.	Food-grains	100 gms	150 gms
2.	Pulses	20 gms	30 gms
3.	Vegetables (leafy also)	50 gms	75 gms
4.	Oil & fat	5 gms	7.5 gms
5.	Salt & condiments	As per need	As per need

#### 4.19. Use of fortified items under the PM POSHAN Scheme: Better nutrition through Efficiency gains by Centralized procurement of Pulses, Double Fortified Salt and Fortified Oil at UT / district level:

Double Fortified Salt (fortified with Iron and Iodine) is very crucial in addressing Anaemia and Goitre. Oils fortified with Vitamin A and D are beneficial for eyes and general health. Provision of pulses is also very crucial in providing good quality protein which is essential for healthy growth of students. Accordingly, the Scheme Guidelines envisage usage of double fortified salt and fortified oils and also specify the quantity of pulses i.e. 20 gram per student per day in Primary and 30 gram per student per day in Upper Primary on all school days under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

However, these fortified items are not easily available in the local markets at school level in many States and therefore, generally not used in preparation of hot cooked meals. Similarly,

less use of pulses than the prescribed quantities has been observed in many instances across the States. In this regard it was informed that Union Cabinet has approved that the Schemes having nutrition component would utilize pulses from the central buffer. This has already been communicated to States that the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution maintains buffer stock of pulses and has offered to provide Chana Dal at subsidized rates under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

PAB advised the UT Administration to send proposal to procure pulses from buffer stock being maintained by Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India, to benefit from economies of scale and assured subsidized rate in the interest of students. This will also ensure availability and use of pulses at school level ensuring provision of protein as per norms like in the case of food grains. It was also advised that UT may procure Double Fortified salt and fortified oil in centralized manner from PSUs of Government of India / UT Administration.

#### **4.20. Use of Shree Anna (Millets):**

UT Administration has not submitted any proposal for inclusion of millets under PM POSHAN Scheme in the AWP&B for the FY 2024-25.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB observed that Shree Anna or millets are group of small grains - abode of vitamins, minerals, essential fatty acids, and antioxidants that can help to reduce several nutritional deficiency diseases. UT Administration was advised to explore the possibilities of use of Shree Anna (millets) in meals once a week under the PM POSHAN.

#### **4.21. Status of Health Check-ups, provision of IFA and De-worming Medicine:**

UT Administration informed that Health check-ups of 8,47,509 (82%), out of 10,33,269 enrolled students were carried out during FY 2023-24. IFA tablets were distributed to 2,30,742 (22%) students and De-worming tablets were distributed to 2,06,040 (20%) students.

**Comments of PAB:** PAB expressed deep concern for not conducting 100% health check-ups. It is observed that Health check-ups of 3,16,500 students were not carried out and IFA & De-worming tablets were not distributed to more than 75% students. PAB asked the UT to take effective steps to carry out 100% Health check-ups, distribution of IFA & De-worming tablets to all enrolled students and report.

PAB further suggested that focused group data of adolescent girls, students of aspirational districts, etc may be captured and used for necessary corrective action, if required. Capacity Building of teachers may be done to enable them to capture height and weight of students at least annually. Teachers may also be trained to visually observe the signs of Anaemia and Dental problems. The health cards prepared by doctors are to be maintained. Parents of the students may be informed accordingly for referrals, if required. Height and weight measurement of each student should be to be carried out periodically.

#### **4.22. Direct Benefit Transfer – Aadhaar enrolment:**

UT has informed that only 8,63,213 students (84%) have Aadhaar.

**Comments of PAB:** Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB expressed concern over not having Aadhaar of 100% enrolled students. UT was advised to take steps for all enrolled students have Aadhaar and also carry out Aadhaar authentication process with the help of NIC & UIDAI. Aadhaar based de-duplication may also be carried out annually. MME funds may be utilised for this purpose.

It was further informed that PM POSHAN Scheme is identified as DBT 'In Kind' Scheme under Section 7 of the Aadhaar Act. For availing benefits under the PM POSHAN Scheme, Aadhar enrolment number can be insisted, subject to consent of parents/guardian for enrolment. **However, no child shall be denied benefits if, for some reasons, he/she is not having Aadhaar, the benefit shall be given by verifying the identity on the basis of any other documents.**

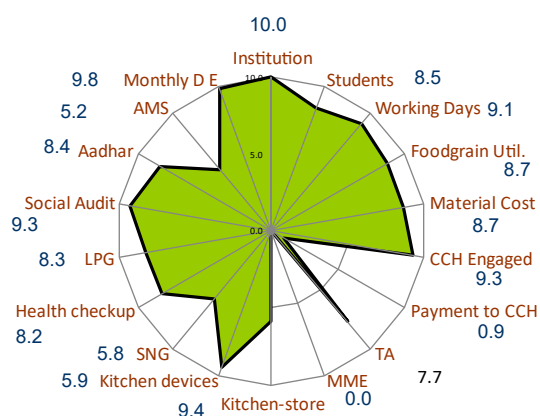
#### **4.23. Overall analysis of the performance**

The overall analysis of the performance of Scheme during the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 was presented to the PAB through score card. The score card based on performance of the UT on the indicators of the Scheme is as under:-



## Performance Score Card – Jammu & Kashmir

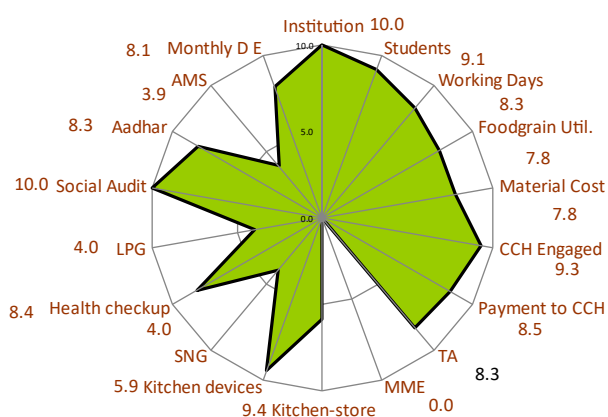
Components	PAB Approval	Achievement	%
Institution	18231	18231	100%
Students	1033269	875496	85%
Working Days	192	174	91%
Foodgrain Util.	18681.70	16303.96	87%
Material Cost	10179.08	8883.60	87%
CCH Engaged	32394	30166	93%
Payment to CCH	25915.20	2395.184	9%
TA	252.22	193.00	77%
MME	382.04	0.00	0%
Kitchen-store	11488	6791.00	59%
Kitchen devices	22808	21497	94%
SNG	18231	10638	58%
Health checkup	1033269	8,47,509	82%
LPG	18231	15116	83%
Social Audit	18231	17009	93%
Aadhar	1033269	863213	84%
AMS	18231	9,520	52%
Monthly D E	18231	17915	98%



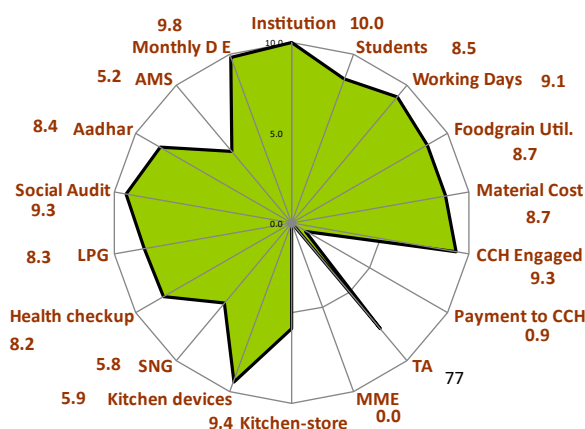
\*Allocation for 01.04.2023 to 30.11.2023

## Year wise Performance Score Card of Jammu & Kashmir

**2022-23**



**2023-24**



Secretary, DoSE&L-cum-Chairman of PAB observed that UT has made progress on aspects like utilization of material cost & food grains and Social Audit etc. He further advised the UT

to take corrective measures where the UT performance is poor e.g. utilization of MME funds, payment to Cook-cum-Helpers, daily data reporting in AMS, setting up of School Nutrition Gardens etc. for improving the performance of the UT under the Scheme. He further advised that this radar chart is an effective tool for district wise periodic monitoring of key performance indicators under the Scheme and may be used for reviewing the performance of the districts/ school managements. Further, he emphasized that the time series data on key indicators may be prepared in order to identify deviations, analyse reasons and accordingly initiate timely remedial measures.

#### **4.24 Other proposals and issues discussed, if any**

UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir requested to enhance the Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers and special funding under Recurring Assistance for creation of Programme Management Unit (PMU), for better implementation of Schemes at District/Zonal Level under the PM POSHAN Scheme.

Comments of PAB: The request was noted and UT of Jammu & Kashmir was asked to submit specific proposal on the above.

### **5. Component wise Proposals and PAB-PM POSHAN Approvals**

#### **5.1 Coverage of Students**

UT has proposed to cover a total number of 9,19,000 students during FY 2024-25 i.e. 4,98,829 students in Primary Classes, 2,59,070 students in Upper Primary Classes and 1,61,101 students in Bal Vatikas.

**Approval of PAB:** After detailed discussions, PAB approved the total proposal of 8,94,801 students during FY 2024-25 i.e. 4,78,668 students in Primary Classes, 2,53,758 students in Upper Primary Classes and 1,62,375 students in Bal Vatikas as per the highest coverage of students during 1<sup>st</sup> quarters of 2023-24. Further, PAB advised UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir to send proposal for additional funds if there is any increase in the number of eligible students over and above the approval given under the Scheme.

#### **5.2 Coverage of Working Days**

UT has proposed to serve hot cooked meals on 220 days in Bal Vatikas, Primary and Upper Primary Classes during FY 2024-25.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved the proposal of UT to serve meals on 220 school days in Primary, Upper Primary and Bal Vatikas Classes during FY 2024-25.

### **5.3 Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH)**

UT has proposed to engage 32,394 Cook-cum-Helpers under the PM POSHAN Scheme during FY 2024-25.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, PAB-PM POSHAN approved the proposal of the UT to engage 32,394 Cook-cum-Helpers as per the need under the PM POSHAN Scheme during FY 2024-25.

### **5.4 Drought**

Drought has not been notified in the UT.

### **5.5 Construction and repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores**

UT did not submit any proposal.

### **5.6 Kitchen Devices**

UT did not submit any proposal.

### **5.7 Flexibility for new interventions**

For School Nutrition Gardens and supplementary nutrition interventions, UT may use 5% of total approved budget under recurring assistance of the Scheme. This expenditure will be met from the funds available with the UT (recurring Central Assistance + UT Share).

#### **5.7.1 School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens**

UT did not submit any proposal.

#### **5.7.2 Supplementary Nutrition**

UT did not submit any proposal.

### **5.8 Social Audit**

UT has proposed to carry out Social Audit as per the Scheme Guidelines in all the districts in at least 20 schools or 2% of the schools, whichever is higher for each district.

**Approval of PAB:** Following the discussions, PAB approved the proposal of UT to carry out Social Audit in not less than 451 schools whichever is higher for each district. UT was advised to draw annual calendar of activities to conduct Social Audit and to share Action Taken Report after conducting Social Audit. Social Audit may be completed for the period of 2024-25 by September, 2024.

### 5.9 Training of Cook-cum-Helpers

UT has proposed to train all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers during FY 2024-25.

**Approval of PAB** After the discussions, the PAB approved the proposal of UT for training of all the engaged Cook-cum-Helpers by utilizing MME funds.

### 5.10 Cooking Competitions

UT proposed to organize cooking competitions by utilizing MME funds at various levels i.e. Block level, District level and UT level for promoting variety of nutritious food menu.

**Approval of PAB:** After the discussions, the PAB approved the proposal of UT for organizing cooking competitions at various levels by utilizing MME funds.

## 6. Summary of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals (Physical) for the FY 2024-25.

### 6.1. Recurring and Non-Recurring (Physical)

S. N.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for FY 2024-25
<b>1</b>	<b>Schools</b>	
1.1	Primary	8966
1.2	Upper Primary	9176
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>18142</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Students</b>	
2.1	Primary	4,78,668
2.2	Upper Primary	2,53,758
2.3	Bal Vatikas	1,62,375
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8,94,801</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Working Days</b>	
3.1	Primary & Bal Vatikas	220
3.2	Upper Primary	220
<b>4</b>	<b>Cook-cum-Helpers</b>	
4.1	Primary	17339
4.2	Upper Primary	15055
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>32,394</b>



S. N.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for FY 2024-25
<b>5</b>	<b>Non Recurring</b>	
5.1	Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
5.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores	0
5.3	Kitchen Devices	0
5.4	Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0

## 6.2 Flexibility for Innovative Interventions (Physical)

S. No.	Component	PAB Approvals (Physical) for FY 2024-25
<b>1</b>	<b>Flexibility for Innovative Interventions</b>	
1.1	School Nutrition (Kitchen) Gardens (Setting up in all schools)	Proposal not submitted
1.2	Supplementary nutrition items	Proposal not submitted

## 7. Summary of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals (Financial) for the year FY 2024-25.

### 7.1 Recurring and Non-Recurring (Financial)

S. No.	Particulars	Central Assistance	Minimum Mandatory UT Share	Total (Central + State)
<b>1</b>	<b>Recurring -Serving of meals during regular school working days</b>			
1.1	Material Cost	11027.81	1219.34	12247.15
1.2	Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	2915.46	323.94	3239.40
1.3	Cost of food grains (22476.96 MT Rice)	674.31	0.00	674.31
1.4	Transportation Assistance	303.44	0.00	303.44
1.5	MME	402.87	0.00	402.87
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15323.89</b>	<b>1543.28</b>	<b>16867.17</b>
2.	Serving of meals in Drought affected areas during summer vacations	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Recurring</b>	<b>15323.89</b>	<b>1543.28</b>	<b>16867.17</b>

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3.1	Construction of Kitchen-cum-Stores	0	0	0
3.2	Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores (0)	0	0	0
3.3	Procurement of Kitchen Devices	0	0	0
3.4	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (Replacement)	0	0	0
<b>Total Non-Recurring</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total (Recurring + Non-Recurring)</b>		<b>15323.89</b>	<b>1543.28</b>	<b>16867.17</b>

## 7.2 Flexibility for New Interventions (Admissible)

No proposal received from the UT.

**8.** The total financial outlay of Rs. 16867.17 lakh in which Central Assistance of Rs. **15323.89 Lakh** and minimum mandatory UT Share of Rs. **1543.28 Lakh** and **22476.96 MTs** of food grains by Government of India has been finalized as per existing norms on the basis of PAB-PM POSHAN approvals for the FY 2024-25. The detailed component-wise computation for FY 2024-25 is at **Appendix-I**. The minimum mandatory UT Share has been calculated based on the existing norms and sharing pattern, if applicable. However, UT may add additional funds from their own resources.

**9.** It is pertinent to note that the Government of India bears entire cost of food-grains i.e. Rs. 8806.47 lakh for the UT Administration of Jammu & Kashmir @ Rs 39.18 per kg for rice for 2024-25, of which is Rs. 8132.16 lakh as subsidy borne through Department of Food & Public Distribution under the National Food Security Act, 2013.

**10.** It is clarified that the quantification of resources is only an estimate for release of Central Assistance and allocation of food-grains during FY 2024-25 under the PM POSHAN Scheme. The National Food Security Act, 2013, Rules, Guidelines and Instructions issued under the PM POSHAN Scheme from time to time, provide that every child attending an eligible institution is to be covered under the Scheme and shall be served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance, as applicable, on all school days. During the year, if it is noticed by the UT that more funds are needed to implement the Scheme, due to various reasons like increase in the attendance of students, increase in school working days or for any other reason, they may approach the PM POSHAN Bureau, DoSE&L, Government of India, with justification, seeking additional Central Assistance and food grains. Similarly,

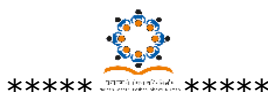
if the Central Government observes less coverage than the approvals, the actual releases may be restricted to actual coverage.

UT shall ensure uninterrupted supply of hot cooked meals to all eligible students on all school days as per the provisions in para 2.2 (v) of PM POSHAN Guidelines even in case of delay in release of funds, food-grains supply constraints or for any other reasons.

**11. The UT is advised to disseminate the approvals of the resources to all the field functionaries in the UT and districts so as to enable all the eligible institutions to ensure that every eligible student is served hot cooked meals or provided with Food Security Allowance on all school days irrespective of the approvals of PAB-PM POSHAN.**

**12.** It was also informed that, PAB has decided to conduct a State/UT wise, mid-term appraisal of PM POSHAN Scheme to review the Scheme during FY 2024-25 and Action Taken by State/UT on the issues discussed in the PAB meeting and commitments made by the State/UT.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



**UT ADMINISTRATION OF JAMMU & KASHMIR: QUANTIFICATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY 2024-25**

**A. Food grains**

Sl.	Stage	No of Children	Working Days	Quantity (in MTs)		
				Rice	Wheat	Total
1	Primary (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	4,78,668	220	10530.70	0	10530.70
2	Upper Primary (@150 gms per child per school day)	2,53,758	220	8374.01	0	8374.01
3	Bal Vatikas (@ 100 gms per child per school day)	1,62,375	220	3572.25	0	3572.25
<b>4</b>	<b>Drought</b>					
4.1	Primary	0	0	0	0	0
4.2	Upper Primary	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>8,94,801</b>		<b>22476.96</b>		<b>22476.96</b>

**B. Cost of Food-grains, Material Cost, Transport Assistance, Honorarium to Cook-Cum-Helpers and Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME)**

Sl. No.	Component/norm	Amount admissible (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
<b>Primary</b>		
1	Cost of Food-grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	315.92
2	Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day	
2.1	Central Share @ Rs. 4.91 per child per day	5170.57
2.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory UT Share @ Rs 0.54 per child per day</b>	568.66
3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1350 Per MT food grains	142.16
4	<b>Honorarium for 17,339 Cook-Cum-Helpers</b>	
4.1	<b>Central Share – @ Rs 900 for 10 months)</b>	1560.51
4.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory UT Share - @ Rs 100 for 10 months)</b>	173.39
5	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the i) Cost of food grains ii) Material cost	194.11



	iii) Cost of Transportation and iv) Honorarium to Cook–cum-Helpers	
<b>Total Central Share for Primary</b>		<b>7383.27</b>
<b>Upper Primary</b>		
6	Cost of Food-grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	251.22
7	<b>Unit Material Cost- Rs. 8.17 per child per day</b>	
7.1	<b>Central Share</b> @ Rs. 7.35 per child per day	4103.27
7.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory UT Share</b> @ Rs 0.82 per child per day	457.78
8	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1350 Per MT food grains	113.05
9	<b>Honorarium for 15,055 Cook-Cum-Helpers</b>	
9.1	<b>Central Share</b> - @ Rs 900 for 10 months)	1354.95
9.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory UT Share</b> - @ Rs 100 for 10 months)	150.55
10	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @ 2.7% of the 1) Cost of food-grains 2) Material Cost 3) Cost of Transportation and 4) Honorarium to Cook–cum-Helpers	157.21
<b>Total Central Share for Upper Primary</b>		<b>5979.70</b>
<b>Bal Vatikas</b>		
11	Cost of Food-grains @ Rs. 3000 per MT for rice	107.17
12	<b>Unit Material Cost- Rs. 5.45 per child per day</b>	
12.1	<b>Central Share</b> @ Rs. 4.91 per child per day	1753.97
12.2	<b>Minimum Mandatory UT Share</b> @Rs. 0.54 per child per day	192.90
12.3	Transportation Cost @ Rs. 1350 Per MT food grains	48.23
12.4	Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) @2.7% of the 1) Cost of food grains 2) Material Cost and 3) Cost of Transportation	51.55
<b>Total Central Share for Bal Vatikas</b>		<b>1960.92</b>
<b>Total of Central Share (Primary + Upper Primary + Bal Vatikas)</b>		<b>15323.89</b>

**C. Drought: Nil**

**D.Non-recurring : Nil**

**E. Flexi funds for new interventions**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Centre Share</b>	<b>Minimum Mandatory UT Share</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Serving of PM POSHAN during regular school working days – from Table B	<b>15323.89</b>	<b>1543.28</b>	<b>16867.17</b>
2	Serving of PM POSHAN in Drought affected areas during summer vacations– from Table C	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
3	<b>Total (1+2)</b>	<b>15323.89</b>	<b>1543.28</b>	<b>16867.17</b>
4	<b>Admissible Funds for Flexibility for new interventions</b>	Proposal not submitted		
4.1	UT will develop SNGs in all school			
	<b>Total 4 + 4.1</b>	<b>Nil</b>		

**F. Total Allotment of Funds for FY 2024-25 :****(Rs. in lakh)**

<b>Component</b>		<b>Centre Share</b>	<b>Minimum Mandatory UT Share</b>	<b>Total</b>
Recurring	Normal	<b>15323.89</b>	<b>1543.28</b>	<b>16867.17</b>
	Drought	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non- Recurring		0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>15323.89</b>	<b>1543.28</b>	<b>16867.17</b>



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