

MID DAY MEAL SCHEME

The Mid Day Meal Scheme has been implemented in the State by providing hot cooked food to all Government and Government Aided Primary and Upper Primary Schools (Std. I to VIII) and Special Training Centres. The scheme was introduced in accordance with the Guidelines of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and the nutritive value of the meal is maintained as per norms. Children are provided with *Chole Bhaji & Pav/Poli*, *Masoor Bhaji & Chapati*, *Red chowli Bhaji & Chapati*, *Chana Bhaji & Pav/Poli*, *Chana- Kuleeth Mix Bhaji & Pav/Poli* and *Chowli- Paute Mix Bhaji & Chapati*. Each meal contains 450 Kcal of energy and 12 gm of proteins for Primary children (Std. I to V) whereas 700 Kcal and 20 gm proteins for Upper Primary students (Std. VI to VIII). Under the Scheme 1,479 schools are covered, benefiting approximately 1, 61,000 students.

The contract of serving these meals has been allotted to 105 Self Help Groups/ Mahila Mandals and 6 Parents Teacher Associations. The rate for each meal is Rs. 6.11/- per student per day for primary and Rs. 7.26/- per student per day for upper primary. Besides this, the Self Help Groups/ Mahila Mandals/PTAs are provided with 100 gm food grains per child per day for primary and 150 gm food grains per child per day for upper primary.

Under Mid Day Meal Scheme foodgrains are allotted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi. It is lifted from the godown of Food Corporation of India, Sada Vasco every month/ quarter. Further it is distributed to the Self Help Groups / Mahila Mandals / Parent Teacher Associations through Civil Supplies godowns of each taluka. The quality of foodgrains (Wheat) collected from F.C.I. godown is checked by the Officers of Directorate of Education and the Officer of F.C.I., quality control section. Samples are collected and maintained with the Directorate of Education (Vocational Section) and also with Food Corporation of India, Quality Control Section, Sada Vasco.

Helpers have been appointed in all the schools for serving MDM and cleaning utensils. Also one cook cum helper is given to all the Self Help Groups/Mahila Mandals. One more additional cook-cum helper is given to Self Help Groups/Mahila Mandals if the strength of the students is more than 500.

The meal served to the students is tasted by the teacher and members of the PTA before serving to the students. If the quality/ quantity is not as per the prescribed norms the meal is rejected immediately. Besides, various officers or

officials inspect/monitor the Mid Day Meal. BRP/CRP under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan inspects the Mid Day Meals, kitchen of Self Help Group/Mahila Mandal/Parent Teacher Association and surrounding area of the kitchen. Also instruction has been issued to all the Heads of the institutions to inspect the kitchen twice a month.

The State had issued directions to all Heads of the Institutions to ensure that the performance data of each school is maintained by keeping a register. In the said register, daily updates are recorded such as the number of students enrolled and the number of students who have availed Mid Day Meal.

Data Entry Operators have been appointed to enter the MDM data in the web portal and one MIS Coordinator has been appointed to monitor the Mid Day Meal Scheme data. Four Nutrition Experts have been appointed to monitor Mid-Day Meals supplied by Self Help Groups/Mahila Mandals/Parent Teacher Associations. The meals are inspected by Nutrition Experts and sensory evaluation of the same is done according to sensory parameters such as appearance, taste, texture, aroma, and overall acceptability. The Nutrition Experts collect food samples of Mid Day Meals from all Talukas of Goa and analyze the same in the laboratory of Goa College of Home Science, Campal to estimate the Energy and protein value and check whether it complies with the norms of Mid Day Meal Scheme. The kitchens of Self Help Groups/Mahila Mandals/Parent Teacher Associations are also inspected to check whether they comply with the norms of Food and Drug Administration. The overall personal hygiene of members of Self Help Groups/Mahila Mandals/Parent Teacher Associations is also checked and inspection reports are submitted to this office.

Progress for Financial Year 2016-17

A Budgetary provision of Rs.2486.36 Lakhs for Primary and Upper Primary has been made by the State Government. The central share is 60% and State share is 40% as cooking cost and Honorarium to Cook cum helpers. Central Government provides 100% funds towards cost of food grains, transportation of the food grains and Management Monitoring & Evaluation for this scheme. The total central share released by Ministry is Rs. 1268.00 Lakhs, out of which Rs. 809.17 Lakhs has been utilized towards cost of food grains, cooking cost, Honorarium to Cook cum helper, transportation of food grains and Management Monitoring & Evaluation during the financial year upto December,2017.

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