

Name of State: Kerala			
Name of District: THIRUVANANTHAPURAM			
Sl. No.	Question	Status	Remark, If any
1	Total No. of Schools (Govt./Aided/Local Bodies) & EGS/AIE Centres obligated to provide Mid Day Meal	927	
2	Total No. of Schools (Govt./Aided/Local Bodies) & EGS/AIE Centres providing Mid Day Meal	927	
3	Have any budgetary provisions made to provided assistance for cooking cost, infrastructure, procurement of kitchen devices/ construction of kitchen - cum - store room/ cooking utensils/ utensils for children to have food/ pure drinking water/ water for washing and cooking food and washing utensils/ dining room, if yes give details (Pl. ref. clause 2.6 of MDMS)	<p>Yes;</p> <p>There are two components in MDM Scheme for which Central and State Governments provide the financial assistance. These are Recurring and Non-Recurring components.</p> <p><u>Recurring component:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cost of Food Grains (ii) Cooking Cost (iii) Honorarium to cooks (iv) Transportation charges for lifting the food grains (v) MME <p><u>Non-Recurring component:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of kitchen-cum-stores (ii) Procurement/replacement of kitchen devices <p>Central Government provides 100% financial assistance for cost of food grains, transportation charges and MME under the recurring component and for the procurement/replacement of kitchen devices under the Non-recurring component. For the rest of the items, fund is shared between the central and state Governments in the ratio 60:40</p> <p>State Government provides its share for MDM through its budget provision.</p>	

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4	<p>Have any State Norms formulated of expenditure under the different components of the scheme as mentioned above, if yes, give details and bifurcation head-wise (Please Ref. Clause 2.6r/w 3.3 of MDMS)</p>	<p>State Government provides its share for MDM through its budget provision. Even the Central share is provided by the State in its budget which is recouped later when centre releases the funds. State budgetary provision for the year 2016-17 allocated under the various plan and non-plan heads is given below:-</p> <p>2202-01-112-94-34-3(Non Plan):- Rs.3100 lakhs 22012-01-112-89(NP) :- Rs.5596.83 lakhs</p>	

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5	<p>Have any guidelines/ modalities developed for day to day management and monitoring of implementation of the MDM scheme, if yes give details. (Pl. Ref.Clause 3.4 to 3.6, 6.2 & Ann.12 of MDMS)</p>	<p>With the technical support of State IT School Project, a web based online daily data monitoring system has been rolled out in the State for daily data collection and for monitoring the Mid Day Meal Scheme. Headmasters have been provided with a user id and password for logging onto the State Portal daily at specified timings where they have to enter the number of students who avail mid day meal on the day. The data thus entered by the school headmasters is consolidated at the state level in “xml format” and uploaded to the portal of MHRD. The data is being uploaded to the central website of MHRD before 3 PM every day.</p> <p>Close to 50% of schools have been currently uploading the data. Majority of primary schools do not have net connectivity . State Government and Department of General education have initiated adequate steps for providing net connectivity to all schools in the State. Within a period of 6-8 months, all the schools in the State will be covered by the online daily data monitoring system.</p> <p>Further, a committee named school noon-feeding committee is formed in all schools which is responsible for the monitoring and management of the Scheme in the school. PTA president is the chairman and HM is the convener of the committee. The committee also comprises of representatives of teachers, parents, mother PTA and the local ward member. The committee is convened once in every month. The</p>	

		<p>committee reviews the progress of the implementation of MDM at the school level every month during its sitting and examines and clears the bills and vouchers of expenditure for the previous month to be submitted to the Block level office concerned for approval.</p> <p>An officer from the Block Level Office called Noon Meal Officer visits schools periodically and inspects the physical conditions and verifies registers and records. The visit report is submitted to District Authorities .If the District authorities find any serious issue in the reports, they report the matter to the State Level office via e-mail , phone or letter. A separate section is operating in the State level office where such complaints/issues are processed and prompt remedial actions taken.</p>	
6	<p>Have any safety specification formulated for construction of kitchen - cum - store room (Pl. Ref. clause 2.6 r/w 4.2 & Ann. 9 of MDMS), if yes give details.</p>	<p>Kitchen cum store rooms are constructed as per the guidelines issued by MHRD. Each kitchen cum store has two portions/area/rooms-one for the kitchen where the meal is cooked and the other for storing rice and condiments. Store rooms have adequate storage facility and have shelves. Proper ventilation is ensured. The building is constructed adhering to all safety standards. The engineering division of LSGD inspects and issues fitness certificate only if the building meets all requisite standards.</p> <p>The construction of 3031 kitchen cum store units will be undertaken shortly in the State. Funds (State Share) are being disbursed to schools. The construction is based on the typical plans downloaded from MHRD website and adhering to all the guidelines issued by MHRD in this regard. The typical plans and MHRD guidelines will be shared with schools and Assistant Educational Officers (Block level</p>	

		officers) and District Officers will be instructed to strictly monitor the construction and to ensure that it meets required standards.	
7	Has any system established for Food Corporation of India for continuous and uninterrupted flow of food grains to all eligible schools and centres, if yes give details (Pl. Ref. Clause 2.6r/w.3.7&3.8 of MDMS	The food grain flow is smooth, continuous and without any complaints. State Civil Supplies Corporation is the nodal agency in the State to lift the allotted food grains from FCI Depots and deliver it to schools uninterruptedly. Central Government provides an amount of Rs.750/- per MT as transportation assistance to States. However for the smooth and efficient flow of foodgrains to schools, State Government is additionally paying an amount of Rs.1450/- per MT to State Civil Supplies Corporation as transportation assistance. Further, no delay occurs in releasing payment to FCI towards the cost of rice. Payment for the cost of rice upto 31.03.2017 was placed at the disposal of District Level Officers on 20.10.2016 with instructions to release the payment to FCI on the day of receipt of bills/vouchers. This prompt and efficient mechanism prevailing in the State ensures the smooth flow of food grains to schools from FCI	
8	Have any guidelines formulated to promote and facilitate people's participation in the MDM Scheme, if yes give details. (Pl. Ref. Clause 2.6r/w.3.9 & 4.4 of MDMS	The Directorate of Public Instruction under the General Education Department, Government of Kerala issues detailed guidelines in the month of May every year regarding the implementation of MDM Scheme in schools. The guidelines also contain the duties and responsibilities of District level officers, Block level officers, HMs, School Noon Feeding Committees and School Management Committees with regard to the implementation of the Scheme. The guidelines give paramount importance to the formation of school noon feeding committees comprising	

		<p>representatives of parents, teachers and elected members of LSGD institutions. The structure and organization of the committee is such that participation of community, LSGD institutions and local people are ensured. The committee is responsible for the monitoring and management of the Scheme in the school. PTA president is the chairman and HM is the convenor of the committee. The committee reviews the progress of the implementation of MDM at the school level every month during its sitting and examines and clears the bills and vouchers of expenditure for the previous month to be submitted to the Block level office concerned for approval.</p>	
9	<p>Have any guidelines framed for preparation of nutritious and economical Mid Day Meal, if yes give details. (Pl. Ref. Clause 4.1 of MDMS)</p>	<p>Yes. The Directorate of Public Instruction under the General Education Department, Government of Kerala issues detailed guidelines in the month of May every year regarding the implementation of MDM Scheme in schools. Specific and clear cut instructions are incorporated in the guidelines regarding the maintenance of hygiene, cleanliness and safety standards in cooking and serving of the meal. Detailed Instructions regarding how to ensure the nutritive content of meal is also elaborated. The guidelines are issued as a circular and published in the website of the Department. The guidelines also contain the duties and responsibilities of District level officers, Block level officers, HMs, School Noon Feeding Committees and School Management Committees with regard to the implementation of the Scheme. The guidelines give paramount importance to the formation of school noon feeding committees comprising representatives of parents, teachers</p>	

		and elected members of LSGD institutions. The structure and organization of the committee is such that participation of community, LSGD institutions and local people are ensured. It is the duty and responsibility of the school noon feeding committees to provide quality and nutritive meal to children in a hygienic and healthy atmosphere.	
10	Has any IEC (Information Education and Communication) activity undertaken to inform the end beneficiary i.e, the child through the parents about their fundamental right to receive and duty of the state to serve good quality and good quantity of hygienic food in dignified manner, if yes give details. (Pl. Ref.CI.3.10)	Yes. The Directorate of Public Instruction under the General Education Department, Government of Kerala issues detailed guidelines in the month of May every year regarding the implementation of MDM Scheme in schools. Specific and clear cut instructions are incorporated in the guidelines regarding the maintenance of hygiene, cleanliness and safety standards in cooking and serving of the meal. Detailed Instructions regarding how to ensure the nutritive content of meal is also elaborated. The guidelines are issued as a circular and published in public domain in the website of the Department for everyone to view.	
11	Has any dedicated mechanism developed for public grievance redressal with wide publicity and easy accessibility, if yes give details is there any separate web-site. (Pl.Ref. Clause 6.3 of MDMS)	Though the State has its own efficient system to address grievances, if any, in the implementation of the mid day meal scheme, separate Grievance Redressal Forums are not operating at the District/Block Levels. A grievance redressal forum has been constituted as per Order No. GO (MS)No.10/2011/GEdn. Dated 19-1-2011 at state level with PTA members, representatives of teachers' organization, DPI, Local body authorities etc. The Telephone land line number and the e-mail Id of the Noon meal section in the Directorate have also been published to register the grievance. Directions will be given to the concerned at District/Block level to constitute a	

		<p data-bbox="786 197 1143 226">grievance redressal forum.</p> <p data-bbox="786 275 1300 1352">The management and monitoring of the scheme at the school level is being done by a school noon feeding committee that comprises of representatives of teachers and parents and the local ward member. Complaints with regard to the conduct of the MDM scheme at the school level can be submitted to the block level office. An officer in the cadre of Junior superintendent has been posted as Noon Meal Officer at each block level office who periodically visits and inspects schools under his/her jurisdiction and monitors the progress and conduct of the implementation of the scheme. He receives complaints and grievances, if any, from the public and takes appropriate action with intimation to the district authorities. If the issue is grave, he reports it to the district office or to the State office immediately via e-mail. The phone numbers and e-mail ids of block/district and state level offices are published and can be had from any school in the state.</p> <p data-bbox="786 1402 1300 1587">At the district level, an officer in the cadre of senior superintendent called Noon Feeding Supervisor is posted at the district office to supervise the activities of MDM in the district.</p> <p data-bbox="786 1638 1300 1896">A separate section consisting of a junior superintendent and three senior clerks is functioning at the State Office to address the grievances in the implementation of the scheme. The phone numbers and website address of the State Level Office have</p>	
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12	Have State level, District level and Block Level steering -cum monitoring committees been constructed, if yes give composition of each of the committee (Pl.Ref.Clause 3.2r/w Ann.8 of MDMS)	Yes. Steering-cum- Monitoring Committees were constituted at the State, District and Block Level Officers. The composition of each committee is herewith appended as Annexure I	
13	What steps have taken for mobilization of mothers to watch Mid Day Meal (Pl.Ref. Circular dated 27.12.2005 of MHRD)	The management and monitoring of the scheme at the school level is being done by a school noon feeding committee that has a representative from Mother PTA. Mother PTA members also help the cooks in preparing and serving the food to students. MPTA members taste the food before it is served to children. Their active intervention is a key factor behind the successful running of the programme in the State of kerala.	
14	Does the State Government prepare and send all necessary information to MHRD in the manner as required under Para 5.1r/w Ann. 11 and Para 5.4r/w Forms 1-3 of MDMS. Has any State Level Portal made to make available all this information for public at large	Yes.	
15	What is the status of setting up of dedicated website for MDM at state level linked with districts, please furnish the website address	Under preparation	
16	What are the steps taken for	Training is given to cooks at the Food	

	training of cooks-cum-helpers on continuous basis on Food Safety and Hygiene (Pl. ref. guidelines date d 13.02.2015 of MDM Division, MHRD	Craft Institutes. During 2016-17 financial year, training was conducted in the month of May 2016. For the year 2017-18, training will be organized for all the 14373 cooks in the State during the vacation period of April and May 2017.	
17	Is there any consequential provision of law in case a person is found guilty of not properly implementing various aspects of the Mid Day Meal Scheme? If not, then is the state has any proposal to bring such law in force for ensuring better implementation of MDM Scheme.	No separate law has been enacted. However If such issue arises, departmental action is initiated against the delinquent officer invoking Kerala Classification, Control & Appeal (KCA Rules) Rules 1960.	