

MID DAY MEAL

The Mid Day Meal Scheme is a national programme started in the year 2005. The scheme is related with free distribution of food grains by Govt. of India through FCI where the transportation cost incurred by the DRDAs of the respective districts is to be reimbursed by the Govt. of India. Meghalaya as one of the special category state receive the maximum transport subsidy of Rs. 125 per quintal. Initially the scheme was implemented by free distribution of foodgrains to the children @ 3 Kg per child per month as dry ration. But as per Supreme Court order in 2001 all the State Governments are directed to provide cooked Mid Day Meal containing 450 calories and 8-12 grams of protein per child per day.

Status of implementation

1. In Meghalaya, Mid Day Meal is given for 210 days in a year to all Governments and Government Aided Primary School and EGS Centre.
2. In 2008-09 Upper Primary Schools are also included under the schemes both Government and Government Aided.

Items that are provided under the scheme

1. Conversion cost - @ Rs. 2/- per child per day of LP Schools and Rs. 2.50 per child per day for UP Schools for 210 days in a year.
2. Kitchen devices - @ Rs. 5000/- per school for 1450 schools
3. Kitchen sheds - Rs. 60,000/- per school for 2539 Govt. LP Schools
4. Cook for cooking Mid Day Meal - @ Rs. 0.40p per child per day

Financial Achievement of Mid Day Meal Schemes during 2004-05 to 2008-09

Total fund received	-	Rs. 83,81,38,462/-
Expenditure incurred	-	Rs. 67,62,86,466/-
Unspent Balance	-	Rs. 16,18,42,996/-

Financial Achievement for Upper Primary Schools in Educationally Backward Blocks

Year 2007-08

Amount received	-	Rs. 4,33,82,000/-
Expenditure	-	Rs. 4,03,86,730/-
Unspent Balance	-	Rs. 29,95,270/-

Monitoring of the Programme

Funds have been provided to the Deputy Inspector of Schools and DIETs for Monitoring of the Scheme. Third Party Evaluation had been entrusted to SRC NEHU and the Report of which is being awaited.