

Chapter IV

Organization of the Mid Day Meal Scheme

4.1 Introduction

The researcher has explained about the research method, data collection procedure, in the I chapter. In the present chapter she has analyzed and explained the collected data about by whom it was introduced, what are the facilities provided, the quality of the food served and the procedure for the appointment of the cook with the help of tables.

4.2 Collected Information

The researcher has visited 80 primary schools of Raibag taluka and collected information about mid day meal scheme from 80 Head Masters and 80 Assistant Masters with the help of questionnaire. The information collected through questionnaire is explained and analyzed with the help of tables. She has explained the scheme with the help of statistics.

The Government has initiated many schemes to encourage and universalize primary education. The Mid Day Meal Scheme is one among them.

The researcher has analysed the following things that for which classes does the scheme belong? Who started this scheme? What facilities are available with them? Whose advice is taken to prepare food menu? are all analyzed.

The scheme is evaluated in securing food for the children of primary schools with the help of quantity of food that is provided for each child. The quantity of food that is provided for each child is studied.

4.3 Analysis and explanation of questionnaires.

Table 4.3.1

Information about beginning of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme

Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
Central Govt	54	68	48	60
State Govt	17	21	17	21
Gram Panchayat SDMC				
Both Central & State Govt	09	15	15	19
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

68% of Head Masters and 60 % of Assistant Masters have expressed their opinion that this is the Central Govt Scheme. 21% of Head Masters and 21% Assistant Masters have said that it is the State Govt scheme. 15% of Head Masters and 19% Assistant Masters have opined that it is the both Central and State Govt scheme.

Most of the Head Masters and Assistant Masters said that this scheme is of the Central Govt.

This Scheme is originally Started by the Central Govt from class I to V. But the primary schools have the classes from I to VIII. So that the State Govt extended this scheme to 6th, 7th and 8th also. The Central Govt is providing all the foodgrains and other expenses are shared between the Centre and state Govt for classes 1 to 5. But classes 6th, 7th and 8th the Central Govt is providing only cereals and other all expenses is borne by the State Govt.

Table 4.3.2
Classes for Mid day meal Scheme

Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
LKG TO 4 TH Std	04	05	06	08
5 TH TO 7 TH Std	00	00	00	00
LKG TO 7 TH Std	00	00	00	00
1 ST TO 7 TH Std	76	95	74	92
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

95% of Head Masters and 92% of Assistant Masters have said that it is the scheme for 1st to 7th. 5% of Head Masters and 8% Assistant Masters have said that it is the Scheme for classes LKG to 4th.

Actually it is the scheme for the classes 1st to 7th.

Table 4.3.3
Scheme started by the central Government

Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
1 ST TO 5 TH	59	74	55	69
6 TH TO 7 TH	09	11	07	09
1 ST TO 7 TH	12	15	18	22
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

74% of Head Masters and 69 % of Assistant Masters have said that it is the scheme of Central Govt started for the classes 1st to 5th. 11% of Head Masters and 09% Assistant Masters have opined that it is the Central Govt scheme for 6th to 7th. 15% of Head Masters and 22% Assistant Masters have expressed that it is the Central Govt scheme for the classes 1st to 7th.

The Scheme was being started by the Central Government for the classes Ist to 5th standard.

Table 4.3.4

The scheme started by the State Government.

Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
1 ST TO 5 TH	60	75	39	49
6 TH TO 7 TH	14	18	23	29
1 ST TO 7 TH	06	07	12	15
9 ST TO 10 TH	00	00	06	07
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

75% of Head Masters and 49 % of Assistant Masters have said that it is the scheme started by the State Govt for the classes 1st to 5th. 18% of Head Masters and 29% Assistant Masters have opined that it is the State Govt scheme for 6th to 7th. 7% of Head Masters and 15% of Assistant Masters have said that it is the scheme for the classes 1st to 7th. 7% of Assistant Masters has said that it is the scheme for the classes 9th to 10th also.

The State Government collaborates with central Government in implementing the scheme of Mid Day Meal.

Table 4.3.5

Facilities provided for preparation of Mid day meal

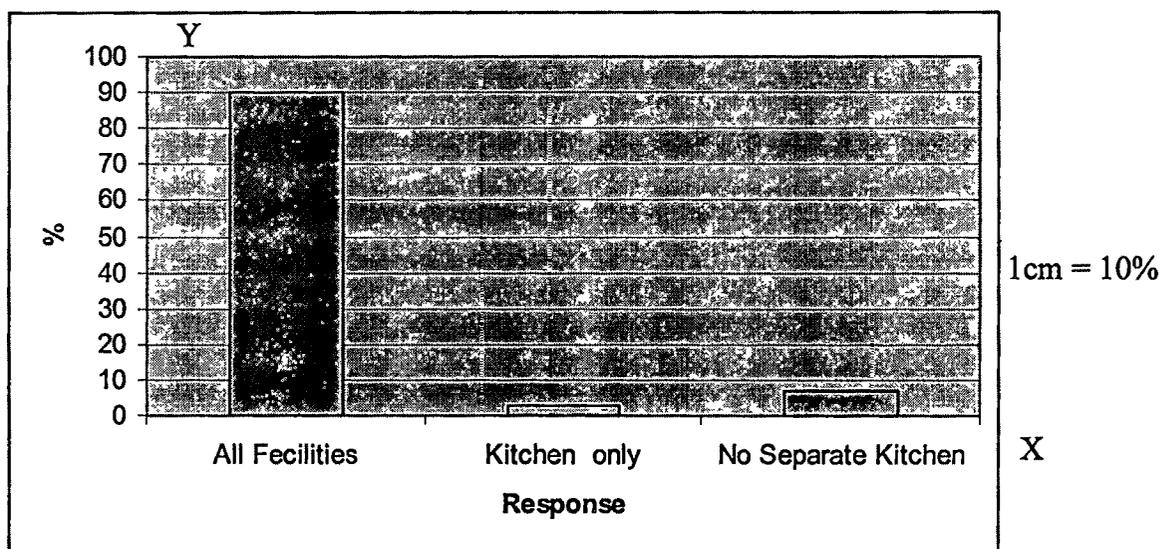
Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
All Facilities are available	72	90	58	73
Kitchen is available	02	03	10	12
No separate kitchen	06	07	12	15
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

90% of Head Masters and 73 % of Assistant Masters have said that they have got all the facilities like kitchen, stove, utensils and other materials. 3% of Head Masters and 12% of Assistant Masters have opined that kitchen is available but utensils are not sufficient. 7% of Head Masters and 15% of Assistant Masters have said that they do not have separate kitchen but they have all other materials.

Most of the schools have their own kitchen and have all facilities for preparing the food.

Bar diagram 4.1

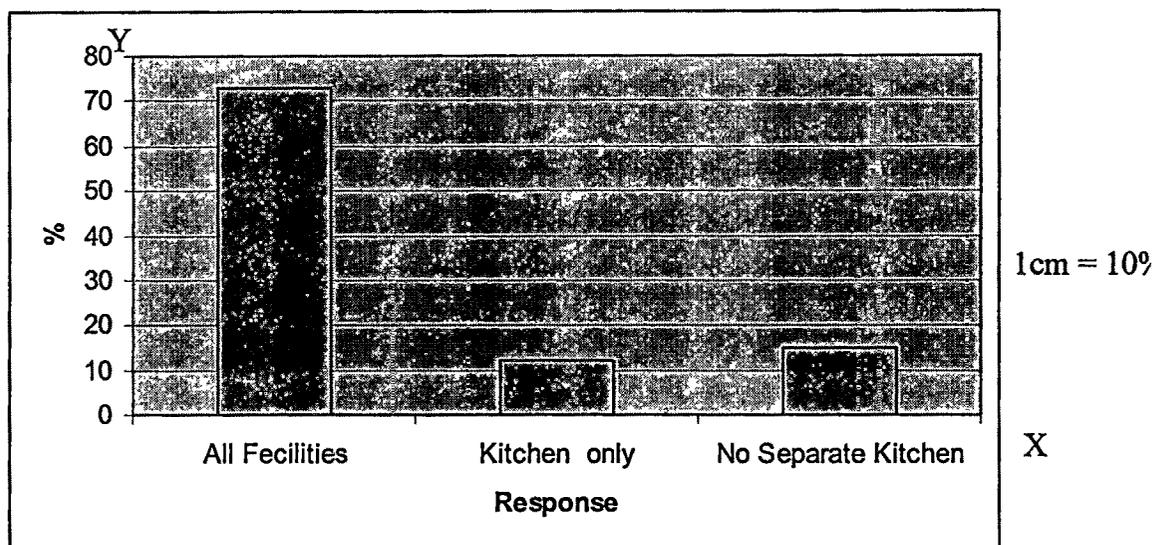
Response of head masters for facilities provided for preparation of mid day meal



In the bar diagram No 4.1 o x-axis response of the Head masters is measured & on o y , percent of the response is measured. The majority of i.e. 90% facilities are available to the children. And 3% of response is for kitchen only. Again 7% of response is no separate kitchen.

Bar diagram 4.2

Response of Assistant masters for facilities provided for preparation of mid day meal



In the bar diagram 4.2 o x-axis measures response of the Head masters & on oy, percent of the response. The height of the bar is 1cm=10%. 73% of the response is all facilities are available so it is shown as 7.3 cm. And 12% of response is kitchen only available. It is shown as 1.2 cm. The 15% of response is no separate kitchen. It is shown as 1.5 cm.

Table 4.3.6

Clean drinking water arrangement

Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
Available in school	67	84	66	83
Available near the school	10	12	12	15
Quite far away from the school	01	01	01	01
Clean & filtered water facility is not available.	02	03	01	01
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

About clean and drinking water facility 84% of Head Masters and 83 % of Assistant Masters have said that they have the clean and filtered water facility in their school. 12% of Head Masters and 15% Assistant Masters have said that they have this facility near their school. Very few Head Masters and Assistant Masters have said that this facility is far away from their school.

All the schools have the facility of clean drinking water in their school.

Table 4.3.7

Advice taken to prepare food menu.

Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
Block Education Officer	09	11	10	12
President/Vice President of Zilla Panchayat	05	06	05	06
President of SDMC	03	00	00	00
Local food Inspector	13	16	22	28
All the above	50	63	40	50
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

As far as the food menu is concerned, 63% of Head Masters and 50 % of Assistant Masters have opined that the weekly food menu is prepared by Block Education Officer, with the help of President of Zilla Panchayat, President of School Development and Monitoring Committee and Local Food Inspector.16% of Head Masters and 28% Assistant Masters have said that it is the work of Local Food Inspector.11% of Head Masters and 12% Assistant Masters have said that it is the work of Block Education Officer of concerned Taluka. Others have said that it is the work of President of School Development & monitoring Committee and Zilla Panchayat.

Food menu is prepared as per the guidelines given by the Akshara Dasoha Yojana authorities.

Table 4.3.8

Appointing authority of main cook

Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
Gram Panchayat / municipality	23	29	47	59
President of SDMC	04	05	06	07
Head Master	08	10	11	14
Unit of three members	45	56	16	20
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

(Source :School development & monitoring committee)

The appointment of main cook is the work of unit of three member committee. As it is said in the survey 56% of Head Masters and 20 % of Assistant Masters have marked it. 29% of Head Masters and 59% Assistant Masters have said that it is the work of Gram Panchayat / municipality. 10% of Head Masters and 14% Assistant Masters have said that it is the work of Head Masters of the concerned school. Very few have said that it is the work of President of School Development monitoring Committee.

If the food is prepared in the school the unit of three members will appoint the main cook and assistants.

Table No 4.3.9

The quantity of food provided to each child.

Response	Head masters		Assistant masters	
	Units	Percent (%)	Units	Percent(%)
100 gm cereals +20gm pulses +50gm Vegetables + 5gm salt +3 gm oil	75	94	75	94
50 gm cereals + 20 gm pulses + 50 gm 5 % vegetables +	05	06	05	06
50 gm cereals+ 10 gm pulses + 25 gm vegetables	00	00	00	00
100 gm cereals + 20 gm pulses + 100 gm vegetables	00	00	00	00
Not applicable-	00	00	00	00
TOTAL	80	100	80	100

94% of Head Masters & 94% Assistant Masters have said that the Government is providing 100gms cereals / 20gms pulses / 50 gms vegetable /5gms salt / 3gms oil per child per day. 6% of Head Masters & Assistant Masters have said that the Government is providing 50gms cereals / 20 gms pulses / 20 gms vegetable per day.

Akshara Dasoha Yojana authority has fixed the quantity of the food that is provided to each child.