SCOPE FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

The focus of current evaluation has been to probe into the organization of the cooked midday meal scheme in the state - right from when the time food grain leaves the godowns of the FCI to when it comes to school and converted into its cooked form and is delivered to the children; and to suggest guidelines for a smoother implementation of the scheme. It further analyzed the impact of mid-day meal scheme on promoting enrolment, attendance & retention and improving health status of the students. Lastly, an effort was made to study the association between the response(s) of teachers, students and parents regarding various aspects of mid-day meal scheme.

The findings outlined from the present study indicate that the government has not been able to achieve the desired objectives set for mid-day meal scheme. There are many hurdles in the implementation of the scheme, how to overcome these hurdles can be a subject of further study.

In the present study, less impact of the scheme has been noticed in the enrolment, attendance, retention and health status of the students after the introduction of MDMS. How the enrolment, attendance, retention and health status can be improved in the schools can a subject of further research.

The present study has been undertaken in three low literacy districts, the same study can be undertaken in other districts of the Punjab state.