

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the twin objectives of the Central Government Scheme to increase the number of school going children and to provide nutrition food in the mid-day meals have not achieved desired results throughout country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the twin objectives?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a), (b) & (c): No, Sir. Under the revised Mid-Day Meal Scheme, effected from Sept, 2004, cooked food of minimum 300 calories with 8-12 grams of protein is being provided to children studying at Primary stage. With the launch of the revised scheme, the coverage of children has increased to about 12 Crore in 2005- 06 as against 11.20 Crore in 2004-05.