

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1032  
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005  
MID- DAY- MEAL SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the findings of the Pune University with regard to Mid-Day-Meal Programme in Pune;
- (b) if so, the major findings and views of the Government;
- (c) whether such surveys have also been conducted in other states;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the major findings;
- (e) whether the Government will consider commissioning of such surveys to evaluate the functioning of the Programme and to plug loop-holes;
- (f) whether the Government has received complaints / representations about the shortcomings / malfunctioning of Mid-Day- Meal Programme; and
- (g) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government to achieve the desired results?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The Government of Maharashtra has informed that Pune University had conducted a survey on private costs on public education. The survey was conducted in the slum areas of Pune city. The State Government has further stated that the survey did not cover Mid-Day Meal Scheme.
- (c) & (d): States have been requested to commission evaluation studies through external agencies to assess the impact of the programme.
- (e): Yes, Sir.
- (f) & (g): Occasional complaints/representations have come to notice regarding some instances of supply of poor quality of foodgrains by FCI, preparation of food in hygienic conditions, interruption in supply of mid-day meals to children etc. As and when such matters come to the notice of Central Government, States are immediately asked to take remedial action.