

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SEASONAL CHANGES IN MID DAY MEAL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- a) whether no seasonal changes are made in the mid day meals served in the schools all over the country;
- b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- c) the kinds of schools, aided, non-aided etc, where the mid day meals are being served in Delhi;
- d) whether only rice is being served in the schools run by MCD and NDMC in Delhi;
- e) if so, the reasons for serving rice in winter and the action proposed to be taken to serve seasonal and more nutritional diet in these schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Guidelines of Mid-Day Meal Scheme stipulate, inter-alia, that menu of the mid-day meal should, as far as, possible vary from day-to-day. Many States are already providing varied mid-day meal. States are constantly being exhorted to make the meal balanced, varied, wholesome, and hygienic.

(c) As per the information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the position regarding number of schools covered in 2005-06 is as under: -

Schools covered in NCT of Delhi in 2005-06

Government	Local Body	Total
of NCT		
of Delhi		
MCD	NDMC	

Government	363	1853	52	2268
Schools				
Government	116	44	4	164
Aided Schools				
Total	479	1897	56	2432

The Mid-Day Meal Scheme does not apply to non aided private schools.

(d) & (e): MCD and NDMC have informed that meals are based on a weekly menu with variety, comprising of both wheat and rice preparations.