

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

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MID-DAY- MEAL TO STUDENTS STUDYING IN MADARSAS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has cleared the Mid-day Meal scheme for the students studying in Madarsas as reported in the Rashtriya Sahara dated February 1, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made with regard to the students studying in such schools in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the funds earmarked for this scheme are proposed to be increased;
- (f) if so, the total additional amount proposed to be increased under the 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan'; and
- (g) the date from which this scheme is likely to be started for the students studying in Madarsas?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under the Revised Mid-Day Meal Scheme effective from September, 2004, children studying in Madarsas/Maqtabs which fall within the category of a Government-aided school or EGS/AIE center receiving Central assistance in accordance with the EGS/AIE Scheme of the Ministry of HRD are covered under the Mid-Day Meal Programme.

(c) & (d): Assessment of students studying in such schools in the country has not been carried out.

(e) & (f): Budget Estimates for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme are as under: -

Budget Estimates 2005-06 & 2006-07 excluding NER component (Rs. in crores)

Year Sarva Shiksha Mid-Day Meal Scheme
Abhiyan

2005-06 7156.00 3010.76
2006-0 10041.70 4813.20
(Proposed)

(g): The Scheme is operative w.e.f. September, 2004.