

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

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REVIEW OF MID DAY MEALS SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have reviewed the working of the `Mid-day Meals` Scheme under the implementation in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any flaw has been identify the scheme at implementation stage;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to t some changes in the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in matter?

Answer

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

- (a) Working of the Mid-day Meal Schetr monitored regularly.
- (b) Some of the main problems encountered are:
 - (i) inability of certain State Government to pr< cooked meal,
 - (ii) unsatisfactory quality of cooked meal in ce cases; and
 - (iii) inability of Food Corporation of India (FC maintain adequate stocks of foodgrain certain remote areas.
- (c) to (e) States have been advised to be i pro-active in ensuring availability and in coordinating FCI.

From 2004-05, Planning Commission has earma a minimum of % of Additional Central Assistanc States under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana meeting cooking cost under Mid-day Meal Progran In addition, President`s Address to Parliament, deliv on 2004, has stated, inter-alia, that:â€” Â!

A national cooked nutritious Mid-day Meal Schi funded mainly by the Central Government, wii introduced in a phased manner...` pursuant to this, fu action has been initiated.