

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:246

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MID- DAY MEAL SCHEME

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

- (a) whether Mid-day Meal (M.D.M.) is being supplied by the NGO's and Contractors;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide food under Mid-day Meal Scheme to the upper primary classes from the next financial year as reported in Dainik Jagran dated January 22, 2007;
- (d) if so, the amount proposed to be spent on the said scheme State-wise;
- (e) whether the number of dropout students of upper primary level has increased during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (f) if so, the percentage-wise details during the above period thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, 2006 [NP-NSPE, 2006] Guidelines envisage that the responsibility for cooking as far as possible be assigned to one of the following:-

(i) Local women's/mothers' Self-Help Groups,

(ii) Local Youth Clubs affiliated to Nehru Yuvak Kendras,

(iii) A voluntary organization fulfilling requirements laid down by the above said guidelines; inter alia, commitment to undertake supply responsibility on a no-profit basis. The Guidelines also specifically stipulate that the voluntary agency shall not entrust/ sub-contract the programme or divert any part of the assistance (foodgrains/money) to any other organization or agency.

(iv) By personnel engaged directly by the Village Education Committee, School Management-cum-Development Committee, Parent Teacher Association, Gram Panchayat, Municipality.

The over all responsibility for implementation of the Mid-Day Meal Programme lies with the State Governments/Union Territories.

(c) & (d): The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(e) & (f): A statement indicating State-wise drop out rates for upper primary level (Classes I – VIII) , as per Selected Educational Statistics 2003-04 & 2004-05 is annexed.

Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (e) & (f) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.246 for 27.2.2007 by Shri Giridhari Yadav, Shri Jivabhai Ambalal Patel & Shri Mohd. Tahir regarding

Mid-day Meal Scheme

Drop-out Rates

Sl. No. State Drop-out in Upper Primary (1-VIII)
2003-04 2004-05

1.	Andhra Pradesh	59.79	59.36
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	63.52	62.63
3.	Assam	70.81	73.38
4.	Bihar	78.03	82.07
5.	Chhattisgarh#	-	-
6.	Goa	9.43	6.90
7.	Gujarat	46.94	46.34
8.	Haryana	21.26	24.51

9.	Himachal Pradesh		14.28	15.89
10.	J&K		36.36	38.57
11.	Jharkhand#	-	-	
12.	Karnataka		50.59	49.99
13.	Kerala		-9.54	-12.24
14.	Madhya Pradesh		46.81	52.36
15.	Maharashtra		33.25	28.99
16.	Manipur		30.61	32.80
17.	Meghalaya		71.13	64.21
18.	Mizoram		64.19	66.84
19.	Nagaland		44.83	42.49
20.	Orissa		61.72	61.95
21.	Punjab		35.19	33.67
22.	Rajasthan		68.50	65.34
23.	Sikkim		73.29	71.22
24.	Tamil Nadu		25.15	23.96
25.	Tripura		64.29	64.15
26.	Uttar Pradesh		42.84	46.22
27.	Uttarakhand#	-	-	
28.	West Bengal		63.77	63.63

Source: Selected Educational Statistics 2003-04 & 2004-05

#Drop-out rates are shown combined with the respective parent States.