

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF MID-DAY-MEAL SCHEME

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

- (a) the amount spent by the Government on Mid-Day-Meal for the school going children between six to fourteen years of age group during each of the last three years and current year till date;
- (b) the number of schools and the students covered under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme during the said period, year-wise, category-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether certain State Governments/UTs have sought funds to implement a cooked meal programme particularly by the Maharashtra Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps being taken to make this scheme more effective?

Answer

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

(a): Mid-day Meal Scheme covers children studying in classes I-V only. Year-wise expenditure incurred during last three years and in current year (up to 13.8.04) is as follows:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)
2001-02	1030.27
2002-03	1099.03
2003-04	1375.00
2004-05	473.79

(b): Information is given in the Annex.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Karnataka have requested for additional central assistance to implement cooked meal programme.

From 2004-05, Planning Commission has asked State Governments to earmark a minimum 15% of Additional Central Assistance under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana for meeting cooking cost under Mid-day Meal Programme.

(e): States have been requested to make maximum possible use of Central assistance available under various schemes to construct kitchen sheds and create drinking water facilities in schools, to involve women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for cooking mid-day meals as far as possible, and to ensure that meals are cooked, served and consumed in a hygienic manner.