

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

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SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Nutrition has conducted any survey to ascertain the quality of food supplied under Mid-Day Meal Scheme as reported in The Hindustan dated April 17, 2006;
- (b) if so, the findings of the survey; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of food supplied under the saic Scheme?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): As per. the information furnished by National Institute of Nutrition, no such survey has been conducted by them .
- (c) Following steps have been taken by the Government to improve the quality of food supplied under MDM scheme:
 - (i) Mid-Day Meal has been made nourishing with minimum 300 calories and 8-12 grams of protein,
 - (ii) States are introducing weekly menus offering a variety of food. Some States are also adding eggs,fruits,soya-nuggets etc.
 - (iii) Mothers of all school children are being mobilised to take turns to supervise preparation and serving of meals,to ensure regularity and quality.
 - (iv) FCI has appointed Nodal officers in all States to ensure smooth supply of quality food grains.
 - (v) States are being exhorted to train cooks/helpers and teachers on issue of hygiene, cleanliness and safety.