

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

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MID-DAY MEAL SCHEME

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

- (a) the number of schools alongwith the number of children benefited by the Mid-day Meal Scheme (MDMS) during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the enrolment in the schools has increased after the introduction of the scheme;
- (c) if so, the extent of the increase in each State during the above period, gender-wise;
- (d) the present funding pattern between the Union and the State Governments for the MDMS;
- (e) whether there is any process of monitoring the result and effect of Mid-day Meals arrangement with respect to the health of students such as measuring increase in weight, height and other vital statistics through independent agencies, monitoring by CCTV cameras, etc.; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Details of number of schools and number of children benefited by the Mid Day Meal (MDM) Scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise are given in Annexure.
- (b) & (c): Enrolment of students in schools depends on several interventions of the Government in the field of education, health and nutrition and also on economic development, demographic changes, expansion of the private sector in elementary education etc.
- (d): The cost of cooking, payment of honorarium to cook- cum-helpers, and construction of kitchen-cum-stores is shared between the Centre and the North Eastern Region States on 90:10 basis and other States/UTs on 75:25 basis. The cost of foodgrains is borne in full by the Centre. One time Central Assistance is also provided @ Rs. 5,000/- per school for procurement/replacement of kitchen devices. Transportation cost in 11 Special Category States (viz. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Tripura) is at par with the Public Distribution System rates prevalent in these States borne by the Central Government. In case of all other States/UTs, Transport Assistance is given @ Rs.75 per quintal or the actual cost incurred whichever is less. Central assistance @ 1.8% of costs of foodgrains, cooking cost, transportation cost and honorarium to cook-cum-helpers is also provided to States/UTs for Monitoring, Management and Evaluation.
- (e) & (f): Under the MDM Scheme, in convergence with School Health Programme under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, half-yearly health check-up which includes visually impaired, weight and height measurement is being carried out of the students. In addition, Iron Folic Acid, Vitamin-A and Deworming Tablets are also distributed to the children.