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ATTRACTION FOR MID DAY MEAL AND CHILDREN S EDUCATION .

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

- (a) whether due to attraction of Mid-Day-Meal (MDM) Scheme, interest towards children's education has increased in rural areas and the number of children has increased in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the whole amount of mid-day-meal meant for nutritious meal of children is provided by Central Government or the State Governments also have their share in it;
- (d) if so, the percentage thereof;
- (e) whether Government has received complaints regarding poor quality and sub-standard meal under Mid Day Meal Scheme from any State; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise? ANSWER

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): The enrollment in classes I-V has increased from 10.71 crore (6.09 crore boys and 4.62 crore girls) in the year 1995-96 to 13.62 crore (7.14 crore boys and 6.48 crore girls) during the year 2007-08. Similarly, the dropout rate which was 42.1% (41.4% boys and 43% girls) during 1995-96 has come down to 25.55% (26.19% boys and 24.82% girls) during 2007-08. However, the enrollment and retention of children in schools depend on several factors such as Government interventions in the field of education including Mid Day Meal Scheme, health and nutrition; as well as demographic changes, level of economic development and expansion of private sector in Elementary Education.

(c) & (d): The expenditure on foodgrains, transportation, Management, Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) and kitchen devices is borne entirely by the Government of India. Cooking cost, honorarium to cook-cum-helper and cost of construction of kitchen-cum-store are shared between the Central Government and North-Eastern Region States on 90:10 basis and between other States/UTs on 75:25 basis.

(e) & (f): During the current year, 4 complaints one each from Bihar, Delhi, Karnataka and Haryana alleging poor quality and sub-standard meals under Mid Day Meal Scheme have come to the notice of the Government. These complaints were referred to the concerned State Governments for conducting necessary inquiry into the matter and to take corrective measures.