

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 23
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

Honorarium to Mid-Day Meal cooking workers

23. Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government intends to increase the honorarium of the Mid-Day Meal cooking workers;
- (b) if so, by when it is going to be achieved; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) to (c): Under the PM POSHAN Scheme (earlier known as Mid Day Meal Scheme), Cook-Cum-Helpers (CCHs) are engaged for preparing and serving hot cooked meals at schools. They are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services. In recognition of their services, the CCHs are paid Rs.1000 per month as honorarium for 10 months in a year and this is being continued. Honorarium is also provided to CCHs for preparing and serving hot cooked meals in elementary schools during summer vacation in drought affected areas notified by the concerned State Governments. The honorarium expenditure is shared between the Central Government and States and Union Territories as per the approved sharing pattern. The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations also supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources.
