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RAJYA SABHA
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Honorarium for Mid-Day Meal workers in Schools in Kerala

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

- (a) will Government heed to the fervent demands for enhancing the honorarium from the Central Government side for Mid-Day Meal workers in the schools of Kerala;
- (b) whether Government took note of the fact that Government of Kerala itself had revised the honorarium of Mid-Day Meal workers five times during the last five years;
- (c) if so, whether a compassionate decision be taken by the Union Government to revise the honorarium by enhancing the central allocation; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d): Honorarium is provided to Cook-cum-Helpers (CCHs) for preparing and serving hot cooked meals at schools. These CCHs are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services. As per guidelines of the Scheme, uniform honorarium of Rs. 1000/- per month for 10 months in a year is prescribed for these CCHs in recognition of their services and the same is being continued. The honorarium expenditure is shared between the Central Government and States and UTs as per the approved sharing pattern.

State Government of Kerala has informed that they revised the honorarium to CCHs under the Scheme in 2019, 2021 and further in 2022 during last five years.

Several State Governments and UT Administrations supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources.
