

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.666**  
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023

**PM-POSHAN fund**

666 **SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:**

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

- (a) whether cases of diversion of PM POSHAN (Mid Day Meal) fund has been reported from some States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Union Government has sought explanation from State Governments in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of State Governments in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): A total of 8 complaints were reported from States under the PM POSHAN Scheme during the year 2023. The State-wise details are given as under:

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of complaints reported during 2023
1	Bihar	2
2	West Bengal	6
	Total	8

(c) to (e): The overall responsibility for providing nutritious and hot cooked meal to the eligible students lies with the State Government. Accordingly, these cases were referred to the concerned State Government for taking necessary action and send detailed factual report in the matter. In addition, a Joint Review Mission has been constituted for the State of West Bengal.

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