

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1152
ANSWERED ON-13.12.2023

Honorarium of school cooking staff

1152 Shri A. A. Rahim:

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

- (a) the quantum of honorarium for school cooking staff as per Union Government norms;
- (b) the details of Union Government and State Government share in this;
- (c) whether there are States that pay more than the amount determined by the Union Government, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) when were the existing norms issued, whether the Union Government has any plan to renew it, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Under PM POSHAN Scheme, the 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. As per guidelines of the Scheme, Cook-cum Helpers (CCHs) are paid uniform honorarium of Rs.1000 per month for 10 months in a year, with effect from 01.12.2009 in recognition of their services. However, other norms like Transportation assistance, Management Monitoring and Evaluation (MME), Central Assistance for Kitchen Devices, Assistance for repairing of Kitchen-cum-stores etc were revised in 2019. In addition, the material cost was also revised on the basis of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) by increasing 9.6% over and above the existing material cost in 2022.

The honorarium expenditure is shared between the Central Government and States and UTs as per the approved sharing pattern of 90:10 for North Eastern Region (NER) States, 2 Himalayan States (Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh) and UT of J&K, 100% for Union Territories without Legislature and 60:40 for other States as well as 2 Union Territories with Legislature (Delhi and Puducherry). The State Governments and UT Administrations also supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources. State and UT-wise details of honorarium paid to CCHs are given at Annexure.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1152 for 13.12.2023 raised by Shri A. A. Rahim, Hon'ble MP regarding Honorarium of school cooking staff

Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers by States and UTs during 2022-23

S.No.	States/UTs	Cooks-cum-Helpers - Honorarium Per Month (in Rs)	Additional Honorarium per month to cook-cum-helpers (in Rs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	3000	2000
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2000	1000
3	Assam	1500	500
4	Bihar	1650	650
5	Chhattisgarh	1500	500
6	Goa	1000	0
7	Gujarat	2500	1500
8	Haryana	7000	6000
9	Himachal Pradesh	3500	2500
10	Jharkhand	2000	1000
11	Karnataka	3700	2700
12	Kerala	12000	11000
13	Madhya Pradesh	2000	1000
14	Maharashtra	1500	500
15	Manipur	1000	0
16	Meghalaya	1000	0
17	Mizoram	1500	500
18	Nagaland	1000	0
19	Odisha	1400	400
20	Punjab	3000	2000
21	Rajasthan	1742	742
22	Sikkim	1000	0
23	Tamil Nadu*	4100-12500	3100-11500
24	Telangana	3000	2000
25	Tripura	2500	1500
26	Uttar Pradesh	2000	1000
27	Uttarakhand	3000	2000
28	West Bengal	1500	500
29	A&N Islands	1000	0
30	Chandigarh	3300	2300
31	D&N and D & Diu	4408	3408
32	Delhi	1000	0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	1000	0
34	Ladakh	1000	0
35	Lakshadweep	1000	0
36	Puducherry	10000	9000

Source AWP&B 2023-24.

*State Government of Tamil Nadu provides above pay scale to cooks engaged under the scheme.