

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.-3546
ANSWERED ON-02.04.2025

Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Yojana

3546 # **Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:**

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

(a) the budget allocated by Government under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Yojana in the financial year 2023-24 along with the budget allocated in the financial year 2024-25;

(b) the number of schools across the country which are provided cooked meal under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Yojana; and

(c) whether there is a provision to provide cooked meal to the pre-primary also under this Scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Yojna is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs for providing one hot cooked and nutritious meal to all children studying in Bal Vatika (just before class-I) and classes I to VIII of Government and Government-aided schools. During 2024-25, about 11.20 crore children studying in 10.36 lakh institutions have been benefitted under the Scheme. The budget during the years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the PM POSHAN Scheme is as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Budget Estimates (PM POSHAN Scheme)
2023-24	11600.00
2024-25	12467.39
