

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2122
ANSWERED ON- 11.03.2026

PM POSHAN scheme in Himachal Pradesh

2122 # Ms. Indu Bala Goswami:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has allocated budget to Himachal Pradesh under the PM POSHAN scheme for the Mid-Day Meal scheme for the financial year 2025-26;
- (b) if so, the amount of budget allocated; and
- (c) whether State Government had requested Government for assistance regarding the Mid-Day Meal scheme, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Education is part of the Concurrent list of the Constitution of India and most of the Government Schools and School Boards are under the administration of the State/ UT Government. Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States and Union Territories (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. The Scheme covers about 11 crore children in more than 10.35 lakh schools in all the States/ UTs. The overall responsibility for providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations

For the financial year 2025-26, Programme Approval Board (PAB) of PM POSHAN has approved the State's Annual Work Plan & Budget 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 121.90 crore comprising of Rs 110.66 crore as Central Share and Rs 11.24 crore as State share.
