

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -3812  
ANSWERED ON – 25/03/2026

**BOYCOTT OF MEALS COOKED BY DALIT IN ODISHA'S ANGANWADI**

3812. SHRI P. P. SUNEER

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an incident related to boycotting of meals cooked by Dalit, by parents of children in Odisha's Anganwadi which is a stark reminder of prevailing caste prejudice in the society; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. An Action Taken Report in this regard was sought from the State Government of Odisha. They have informed that after an incident of alleged boycott of Nuagaon Anganwadi Centre, District Kendrapara, Odisha came to their notice, necessary interventions and awareness measures, including discussions and street plays were undertaken to sensitize the villagers regarding Anganwadi services and welfare schemes. The issue has now been resolved and the Anganwadi Centre has resumed normal functioning from 16.02.2026.

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