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Implementation of Mid-Day Meal (PM POSHAN) scheme in Odisha

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the implementation of the PM POSHAN (Mid-Day Meal) scheme in Odisha;
- (b) the details of implementing agencies, including Self-Help Groups, centralised kitchens, NGOs and other agencies engaged in the preparation and supply of meals;
- (c) the prescribed weekly menu, including the frequency of vegetarian, non-vegetarian and other protein-rich food items, and whether nutritional standards are periodically assessed; and
- (d) whether measures have been taken to address deficiencies in meal quality, hygiene and implementation and, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): 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 Government and Union Territory (UT) Administrations. PM POSHAN Scheme is implemented in partnership with the State Governments and UT Administrations, including in the state of Odisha. The Government of Odisha has informed that, during the Financial Year (FY) 2026-27, PM POSHAN Scheme is implemented in 50,276 schools in the state of Odisha.

The overall responsibility for providing hot and nutritious meal to all children studying in Bal Vatika (just before class 1) and classes I to VIII of Government and Government aided schools lies with the State Governments and UT Administrations. The Government of Odisha has informed that Centralized Kitchen agencies operate in the 8 districts of the state and provide Mid-day Meals for 289286 students in 2746 schools. Similarly, 8042 Women Self Help Groups provide mid-day meal for 1065413 students in 9034 schools.

The States and UTs are encouraged to decide menu suitable to the local conditions within the prescribed nutrition and food norms and to procure locally grown food items like

millet, vegetables, condiments etc. Further as informed by the Government of Odisha, the prescribed weekly menu in the state of Odisha is as follows:

DAY	Menu (Class I-VIII)
Monday	Bhata and Egg Curry
Tuesday	Bhata, Soya Badhi Curry and Nutrition Rich Laddoo
Wednesday	Bhata and Egg Curry
Thursday	Bhata, Dalma and Nutrition Rich Laddoo
Friday	Bhata and Egg Curry
Saturday	Bhata, Soya Badi Curry and Nutrition Rich Laddoo

However, locally available fruits are provided to students in case the student opts for not having egg on egg-days. Apart from eggs, a nutrition-rich millet based laddoos are also part of the menu for Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The Government of India has issued detailed guidelines on quality, safety and hygiene to ensure serving of good quality nutritious meal under the Scheme. These guidelines are available on official website <https://pmposhan.education.gov.in>.
