GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5901
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017

Mid Day Meal Scheme and Enrolment Ratio

5901.   SHRI HARI OM PANDAY:
         SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:
         DR. RATNA DE (NAG):

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has collaborated with various NGOs including the "Akshay Patra NGO to work under Mid-Day Meal Scheme" in recent past;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard;

(d)   whether such collaboration is likely to improve the enrolment ratio in schools in the country; and

(e)   the details of legal/financial constraints in this regard, if any?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) to (e): The Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States/UTs. The overall responsibility for providing cooked and nutritious mid-day meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The MDM guidelines provide for Centralized kitchens for urban areas where there is space constraint. In Centralized kitchens, cooking can take place and cooked hot meal may be transported under hygienic conditions through reliable transport systems to various schools. Accordingly, various NGOs including the "Akshay Patra" were engaged by the States/UTs under the Scheme. The States/UTs-wise details of NGOs engaged under the Scheme is at Annexure. There is a marginal decline in the enrolment in government schools. No specific reason can be attributed for the marginal decline in the enrolment government schools.

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States/UTs-wise details NGOs under MDMS

S. No.	State/UT	No. of districts where NGOs are serving MDM	No. of NGO working	No. of Children covered	No. of institutions covered
1	Andhra Pradesh	5	4	173880	1281
2	Assam	2	1	47249	606
3	Bihar	12	6	822485	2771
4	Chhattisgarh	5	4	106296	678
5	Gujarat	7	3	496859	3264
6	Haryana	4	1	258636	1984
7	Jharkhand	2	1	54316	415
8	Karnataka	14	54	804951	5398
9	Madhya Pradesh	14	10	309962	3031
10	Maharashtra	5	2	248748	1571
11	Odisha	9	3	264525	2603
12	Punjab	8	2	179434	1506
13	Rajasthan	5	4	298172	3838
14	Telangana	4	2	168948	1435
15	Uttar Pradesh	22	112	1086423	8356
16	West Bengal	4	79	248165	973
17	Delhi	9	44	1701357	2992
	Total	**131**	**332**	**7270406**	**42702**