

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5938
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017

Students Enrolled under Mid Day Meal Scheme

5938. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) the number of States utilizing the Centre's share for the Mid Day Meal Scheme properly;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the performance of the State Governments in reaching the benefit of the Mid Day Meal to the actually needy children;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reason therefor; and
- (e) the details of the number of children enrolled in Government and Government Aided Schools and the number that benefited under the scheme during each of the last two years, State/UT-wise?

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

(a): The Mid- Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) under which hot cooked meals are served to children studying in classes I to VIII in Government and Government Aided schools is being implemented in all the States and UTs. During 2015-16, 10.03 crore children studying in 11.50 lakh institutions availed mid-day meal on school working days under the Scheme.

(b) to (d): Several evaluation studies have been conducted to assess the performance of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in the States/UTs. These Independent evaluation studies have shown that MDMS has helped in preventing classroom hunger; promoting school participation and fostering social equality and enhancing gender equity thereby facilitating overall healthy growth of children. The Planning Commission in its evaluation report of 2010 covering 17 States/UTs has observed that the Cooked Mid Day Meal Program has been successful in addressing classroom hunger in sample schools and created a platform for children of all social and economic backgrounds to take meals together, thereby facilitating achievement of the objective of social equity. In addition, Joint Review Missions (JRMs) consisting of educational and nutritional experts review the scheme through field visits and assess the actual implementation of the Scheme at the ground level from time to time. So far 8 JRMs have covered 28 States/UTs. The reports prepared by the JRMs are shared with the States/UTs for taking corrective action on the deficiencies reported in the implementation of the scheme.

(e): The State/UT-wise details of the number of children enrolled and benefited under the scheme during each of the last two years are at Annexure.

State/UT-wise and year-wise details of the number of children enrolled and benefited under the scheme

S.No.	States/UTs	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (as on 30.09.2016)	
		Enrolment	Beneficiaries	Enrolment	Beneficiaries	Enrolment	Beneficiaries
1	2	7	8	10	11	13	14
1	Andhra Pradesh	3530999	2917601	3257006	2801432	3191026	2636595
2	Arunachal Pradesh	255375	245291	253075	238681	243767	229173
3	Assam	5019284	4474903	4567270	4386452	4567270	4246864
4	Bihar	20376566	13150423	20564206	13916506	20900550	12779261
5	Chhattisgarh	3543187	2877038	3385849	2915536	3257509	2596217
6	Goa	162124	145351	159953	143135	159953	143000
7	Gujarat	6055972	4260527	6157650	4394849	5999463	4386366
8	Haryana	2063420	1945224	1794862	1707877	1647331	1283933
9	Himachal Pradesh	584241	542750	570132	527332	556248	533982
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1069236	712990	1038472	724980	1018174	463521
11	Jharkhand	5074514	2585142	5042957	2829835	4847369	2989152
12	Karnataka	5181814	4767100	5082774	4635376	4915527	4505494
13	Kerala	2751431	2522323	2701911	2494924	2716922	2654807
14	Madhya Pradesh	9408155	7244591	8355487	6411390	8291637	6078430
15	Maharashtra	11806026	9762850	11565247	9394423	11775150	9285874
16	Manipur	226713	186596	228163	186655	229459	187360
17	Meghalaya	565500	510550	606110	526947	605459	523669
18	Mizoram	145375	137123	153308	141043	151786	139643
19	Nagaland	218307	234936	210327	187006	210310	187006
20	Orissa	5553541	4733551	5334334	4557835	5334334	4437348
21	Punjab	1971513	1653092	1901322	1577526	1883976	1528903
22	Rajasthan	6770832	4945930	6283879	4520007	6283879	4232802
23	Sikkim	79829	76120	78735	67906	73233	63742.0721
24	Tamilnadu	5556065	4810470	5665044	4809942	5665044	4807781
25	Telangana	2420752	2012329	2150297	1966087	2183382	1661306
26	Tripura	522551	355156	506365	375912	487738	363343
27	Uttarakhand	845087	667647	805576	647167	777051	618106
28	Uttar Pradesh	19133870	10326042	18671473	9907312	18656140	9928851
29	West Bengal	12846670	12098740	12539866	12026619	12424150	11794443
30	A&N Islands	36103	27958	34878	28173	34878	27738
31	Chandigarh	103829	46779	100990	52726	100891	43623
32	D&N Haveli	43178	34320	42688	33385	42053	33072
33	Daman & Diu	18491	14232	18479	14403	18121	14961
34	Delhi	1809344	1166583	1748698	1121808	1740039	1035886
35	Lakshadweep	7626	7168	7300	6908	6847	6526
36	Puducherry	62822	55474	66646	47771	48950	41157
	Total	135820342	102254904	131651329	100325867	131045616	96489935