

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1311  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2017**

**Quality Test of Mid-Day Meal**

†1311. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:  
SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the State Governments are not successful in conducting the quality tests of mid-day meals in registered labs and if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (b) the details of the States which are lagging behind in conducting quality tests and whether there is shortage of such labs in these States; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) to (c): MDM Guidelines on Food Safety and Hygiene for School Level Kitchens Under Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme envisages that the States/UTs must consider engaging CSIR Institutes / NABL accredited laboratories and FSSAI accredited laboratories for undertaking testing of samples of MDM for food safety and contamination. Subsequently, MDM Rules 2015, envisages that Hot cooked meal provided to children shall be evaluated and certified by the Government Food Research Laboratory or any laboratory accredited or recognized by law, so as to ensure that the meal meets with the nutritional standards and quality. The States/UTs wise details of number of food sample tested during the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 are given at Annexure.

Almost all the States/UTs have FSSAI/NABL Accredited Laboratories except the States/UTs of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, A&N and Jammu & Kashmir. Some of these States like Assam, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Mizoram have either Government Food Research Laboratories or any laboratory accredited or recognized by law.

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1311 for 24.07.2017 raised by Dr. Krishan Pratap, Shrimati Meenakashi Lekhi regarding Quality Test of Mid-Day Meal**

**Testing of Food Samples by accredited labs during 2015-16 and 2016-17**

S.No.	States	No. of samples Tested	
		2015-16	2016-17
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0
3	Assam	8	34
4	Bihar	3	25
5	Chhattisgarh	0	23
6	Goa	93	49
7	Gujarat	1060	408
8	Haryana	3	14
9	Himachal pradesh	10	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0
11	Jharkhand	0	0
12	Karnataka	23	102
13	Kerala	0	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	45	13
15	Maharashtra	501	3213
16	Manipur	0	0
17	Meghalaya	0	0
18	Mizoram	5	52
19	Nagaland	0	0
20	Orissa	34	61
21	Punjab	68	57
22	Rajasthan	0	62
23	Sikkim	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	0	0
25	Telangana	0	58
26	Tripura	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	770	751
28	Uttarakhand	0	30
29	West Bengal	66	69
30	A&N Islands	0	0
31	Chandigarh	50	160
32	D&N Haveli *	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	0	0
34	Delhi	344	1330
35	Lakshadweep	0	0
36	Puducherry	6	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>3089</b>	<b>6517</b>

*Source : AWP&B, 2016-17 & 2017-18*