

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2640
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

Mid-Day Meal

†2640. SHRI NAND KUMAR SINGH CHOUHAN::

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding the cooks working under mid-day meal scheme during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof;
- (c) the amount of honorarium being paid to these cooks and since when;
- (d) whether the Government proposes/has received any proposals to increase the honorarium of the cooks;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the status of the present proposals?

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

(a) & (b): Under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), one cook-cum-helper (CCH) is engaged for schools up to 25 students, two cooks-cum-helpers for schools with 26 to 100 students and one additional cook-cum-helper for every addition of up to 100 students. The State and UT-wise number of CCH engaged under the scheme during the last three years are given at Annexure.

(c) to (f): The requests for increasing the honorarium to Cook-cum Helpers (CCHs) under the Scheme have been received. However, it is stated that the CCHs engaged under the Scheme for preparing and serving mid-day meals at schools, are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services. In recognition of their services, the CCHs are paid Rs.1000 per month for 10 months in a year from 01.12.2009 as honorarium and this is being continued. The honorarium expenditure is shared between the Central Government and States and UTs as per the approved sharing pattern. The State Governments and UT Administrations also supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2640 for 12.03.2018 raised by Shri Nand Kumar Singh Chouhan regarding Mid Day Meal.

Number of Cooks-cum Helpers Engaged during last three years under MDMS

S.No	States	Number of Cooks-cum Helpers Engaged under MDMS		
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	Andhra Pradesh	97251	92105	92105
2	Arunachal Pradesh	7736	7729	6749
3	Assam	122724	121441	122724
4	Bihar	235181	236278	238869
5	Chhattisgarh	95524	93420	89791
6	Goa	2067	2623	2696
7	Gujarat	90671	89796	87419
8	Haryana	32610	30652	30236
9	Himachal Pradesh	23478	22813	22378
10	Jammu & Kashmir	29555	30648	30110
11	Jharkhand	81203	81824	81417
12	Karnataka	117842	118886	118199
13	Kerala	13700	13664	14373
14	Madhya Pradesh	243309	236986	232183
15	Maharashtra	164479	163523	167909
16	Manipur	6528	6951	6762
17	Meghalaya	16965	17094	17546
18	Mizoram	5166	5220	5071
19	Nagaland	5057	5057	4643
20	Orissa	128020	128817	128000
21	Punjab	41820	42343	42510
22	Rajasthan	124616	115622	115622
23	Sikkim	1891	1884	1891
24	Tamilnadu	128130	128130	128130
25	Telangana	55151	53492	52669
26	Tripura	10941	10926	10943
27	Uttar Pradesh	401378	398073	397829
28	Uttarakhand	29397	28699	28092
29	West Bengal	237774	244744	238106
30	A&N islands	721	721	721
31	Chandigarh	740	746	741
32	D&N Haveli	861	927	925
33	Daman & Diu	304	317	320
34	Delhi	20845	19271	19228
35	Lakshadweep	113	110	110
36	Puducherry	1031	1031	1031
	Total	2574779	2552563	2538048