

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2689
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

Packaged Food under Mid-Day Meal Scheme

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has suggested the State Governments to provide packaged food or milk to children under Mid-day Meal scheme in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to formulate such scheme in future?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c): Under Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), only hot cooked meals are served to children as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the provision of National Food Security Act, 2013 to provide hot cooked mid-day meal under the Scheme. MDMS is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with all States and UTs. The overall responsibility for providing a cooked and nutritious mid-day meal to eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations who shall fix the menu as per their local needs. Though milk is not one of the food articles prescribed under the MDMS, some States and UTs provide milk, as an additional item from their own resources.
