

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1912
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018**

Eggs in Mid-Day Meal Scheme

1912. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government provides eggs in Mid-Day Meal Scheme in schools in the country to tackle the problem of under-nourishment among children and to boost school attendance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of eggs provided to children in schools, State/UT-wise and the amount of expenditure incurred for the provision of eggs during each of the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide eggs in Mid-Day Meal scheme in all States in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(a) to (c): The Mid Day Meal Guidelines prescribe the following nutritional content to achieve the objectives of the Scheme:

Items	For children of Primary classes	For children of Upper Primary classes
A) Nutritional Norms (Per child per day)		
Calorie	450	700
Protein	12 gms	20 gms
B) Food Norms (Per child per day)		
Food-grains	100 gms	150 gms
Pulses	20 gms	30 gms
Vegetables	50 gms	75 gms
Oil & fat	5 gms	7.5 gms
Salt & condiments	As per need	As per need

However, Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The overall responsibilities for providing cooked and nutritious mid-day meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The States and UTs fix their menu as per their local needs, in order to meet the prescribed nutritional content. Some States and UTs also provide additional items from own resources.

