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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1966 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

Funds for Construction of Kitchen-cum Stores under MDMS

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

- (a) whether under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, financial assistance is provided by the Government for construction of kitchen-cum-stores;
- (b) if so, the details of the financial assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year, State-UT-wise;
- (c) the number of kitchen-cum-stores constructed in schools across the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the cases of irregularities/ corruption/under-utilization of funds meant for construction of kitchen-cum-stores have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure adequate funds for construction of kitchen-cum-stores in schools and to strengthen the monitoring mechanism to keep an eye on utilisation of such funds?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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- (a) to (c): Under the Mid Day Meal Scheme, the Central Government started providing 100% Central Assistance for construction of kitchen-cum-stores at a flat rate of Rs. 60,000/- per unit since 2006-07. The norms for kitchen-cum-stores have been revised from the month of December, 2009 and the cost of construction of kitchen-cum-stores is now determined on the basis of plinth area norms and the State Schedule of Rates prevalent in the States and UTs on sharing basis. The revised norms prescribe 20 sq. mtr. plinth area for construction of kitchen-cum-stores in schools having upto 100 children; for every additional 100 children, additional 4 sq. mtr. plinth area will be added. States and UTs have the flexibility to modify the slab of 100 children depending upon local conditions. As per revised norms financial assistance is shared between Centre and States & UTs in prescribed ratio. The State and UT-wise funds released for construction of kitchen-cum-store and number of kitchen-cum-store constructed during the last three years and current year is given at Annexure.
- (d) No specific complaints regarding irregularities/corruption/under-utilization of funds meant for construction of kitchen-cum-store have come to the notice of Government of India during the last three years and the current year.
- (e) The Government has adopted an elaborate monitoring mechanism at Central, State and District levels to ensure quality food is served to children as well as utilisation of funds under the Scheme. At national level, an Empowered Committee, headed by Minister of Human Resource Development and also a National level Steeringcum-Monitoring Committee (NSMC) as well as Programme Approval Board (PAB) monitor the scheme and suggest measures for its smooth and effective implementation. At the State level, a State level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee headed by the State Chief Secretary and, at the District Level, a District Level Committee under the Chairpersonship of the senior-most Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha of the district monitors the implementation of the scheme in the concerned District. At local level Gram Panchayats/Gram Sabhas, members of Village Education Committees (VECs), Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs) and the School Management Committees (SMCs) monitor the regularity and wholesomeness of the mid-day meal served to children, cleanliness in cooking and serving of the meal, timeliness in procurement of good quality ingredients, fuel, etc., implementation of variety in menu so as to make it attractive to children and ensuring social and gender equity on daily basis. In addition, the Centre constitutes Joint Review Missions (JRMs) consisting of educational and nutritional experts, which review the scheme through field visits from time to time. The reports of JRMs are shared with concerned States and UTs for taking suitable action on the findings.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1966 for 30.07.2018 raised by Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, Shrimati Supriya Sule, Shri Satav Rajeev, Shri P.R. Sundaram, Dr. J. Jayavardhan, Shri Dhananjay Mahadik, Shri Mohite Patil Vijaysinh Shankarrao regarding Funds for Construction of Kitchen-cum Stores under MDMS.

(a) State and UT-wise funds released for construction of Kitchen cum Store during the last three years and current year under MDMS

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Year	States and UTs	Central Assistance Released	
1.	2015-16	Mizoram	346.50	
2.	2016-17	Nil		
3.	2017-18	Kerala	12658.26	
		M.P	3670.77	
4.	2018-19	Sikkim	26.39	
		West Bengal	461.50	

(b) State and UT-wise details of construction of Kitchen cum Store during the last three years and current year under MDMS

S. No.	State / UT	Number of Kitchen-cum-store constructed			
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	
1	Andhra Pradesh	3719	1404	1178	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	
3	Assam	1	10612	918	
4	Bihar	5203	1266	1439	
5	Chhattisgarh	1555	2567	1547	
6	Goa	0	0	0	
7	Gujarat	2979	2364	0	
8	Haryana	1617	47	172	
9	Himachal pradesh	217	261	201	
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	20	0	
11	Jharkhand	3126	1532	969	
12	Karnataka	2469	1570	497	
13	Kerala	1634	14	0	
14	Madhya Pradesh	1671	2408	0	
15	Maharashtra	3076	487	259	
16	Manipur	0	422	0	
17	Meghalaya	539	312	127	
18	Mizoram	0	110	0	
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	

20	Odisha	0	522	5810
21	Punjab	198	0	0
22	Rajasthan	9740	2062	0
23	Sikkim	136	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	3539	3203	184
25	Telangana	0	0	0
26	Tripura*	160	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	38	5	37
28	Uttarakhand	1896	322	106
29	West Bengal	5533	4511	1045
30	A&N Islands	87	0	60
31	Chandigarh	0	0	0
32	D&N Haveli	31	18	0
33	Daman & Diu	6	0	0
34	Delhi	0	0	0
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0
	Total	49170	36039	14549