

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 851
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

Codes under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme

851. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in many States across the country, the students-to-cook ratio is very high, as per the Mid-Day-Meal guidelines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) whether in Kerala, the ratio is extremely high at 183 students per cook-cum-helper, which is beyond any justification and if so, the details thereof along with action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether Kerala and Puducherry give to cook-cum-helper an additional amount as honorarium above the minimum mandatory amount and if so, the details thereof along with the justification; and
- (e) whether Government has proposed to give an additional amount as honorarium above the minimum mandatory amount at par Puducherry in the state of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a) to (c): Mid-Day Meal Guidelines envisage engagement of one cook-cum-helper (CCH) in a school with up to 25 students, two cooks-cum-helpers in a school with 26 to 100 students and one additional cook-cum-helper for every addition of up to 100 students. However, the scheme is implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The overall responsibilities for providing cooked and nutritious mid day meal to the eligible children lie with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The cook-cum-helpers (CCHs) are engaged by respective States and UTs. The State Government of Kerala has framed its own guidelines for engagement of cook-cum-helpers. As per information provided by the State Government the students-to cook ratio in Kerala is 175. The State and UT-wise details of students-to cook ratio including Madhya Pradesh is given at Annexure.
- (d) & (e): CCHs engaged under the Scheme, are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services and preparing and serving mid-day meals at schools. In recognition of their services, the CCHs are paid Rs.1000 per month for 10 months as honorarium. Some States and UTs including Kerala and Puducherry supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources. Kerala is paying an amount of Rs. 9000/- per month to its cook-cum-helpers and Puducherry is providing amounts ranging from Rs. 4458/- to Rs 19000/- per month.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 851 for 23.07.2018 raised by Shri Ganesh Singh regarding Codes under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme

State and UT-wise details of students-to cook ratio

S.No	States/UTs	Average number of children availed MDM	No. of Cooks-cum-Helpers Engaged	Students-to-Cook Ratio
1	Andhra Pradesh	2630979	88296	30
2	Arunachal Pradesh	170742	6525	26
3	Assam	4025641	118998	34
4	Bihar	11790731	238765	49
5	Chhattisgarh	2716267	89347	30
6	Goa	145456	2706	54
7	Gujarat	4426369	96329	46
8	Haryana	1548973	30193	51
9	Himachal Pradesh	481982	21913	22
10	Jammu & Kashmir	564303	30941	18
11	Jharkhand	3208732	80288	40
12	Karnataka	4363377	118130	37
13	Kerala	2512499	14373	175
14	Madhya Pradesh	5289475	222753	24
15	Maharashtra	9398073	171131	55
16	Manipur	152541	6545	23
17	Meghalaya	521346	17800	29
18	Mizoram	133450	4998	27
19	Nagaland	163920	4647	35
20	Orissa	4259642	119951	36
21	Punjab	1481696	42545	35
22	Rajasthan	4532538	109922	41
23	Sikkim	59300	1846	32
24	Tamilnadu	4549442	128130	36
25	Telangana	1762638	52961	33
26	Tripura	357360	11019	32
27	Uttar Pradesh	11078419	395704	28
28	Uttarakhand	625553	27375	23
29	West Bengal	10434013	235165	44
30	A&N islands	25999	721	36
31	Chandigarh	49312	793	62
32	D&N Haveli	33472	925	36
33	Daman & Diu	15180	320	47
33	Delhi	1050455	18843	56
34	Lakshadweep	6459	110	59
35	Puducherry	45466	1031	44
	Total	94611800	2512039	38