

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 207
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

Salary to MDMS Cooks

207. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:

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

- (a) whether the cooks under the Mid Day Meal Scheme(MDMS) are paid honorarium/salary and if so, the details of the honorarium/salary being paid to the cooks in all States and Union Territories including Odisha;
- (b) whether the Government has received any request/demand to raise the honorarium being paid to cooks under the MDMS;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the decision of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a): Yes, Madam. The Cook-cum-Helpers (CCHs) are paid honorarium under the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDMS). The details of the honorarium being paid to the CCHs in all States and Union Territories including Odisha are given at Annexure.

(b) to (d): 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. 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

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 207 for 04.02.2019 raised by Dr. Kulamani Samal regarding Salary to MDMS Cooks.

Honorarium to Cook-cum-helpers during 2017-18

S. No.	State / UT	Honorarium per month
1	Andhra Pradesh	1000
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1000
3	Assam	1000
4	Bihar	1250
5	Chhattisgarh	1200
6	Goa	1000
7	Gujarat	1000
8	Haryana	2500
9	Himachal Pradesh	1500
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1000
11	Jharkhand	1500
12	Karnataka	2700
13	Kerala	9000
14	Madhya Pradesh	1000
15	Maharashtra	1000
16	Manipur	1000
17	Meghalaya	1000
18	Mizoram	1500
19	Nagaland	1000
20	Odisha	1400
21	Punjab	1700
22	Rajasthan	1200
23	Sikkim	1000
24	Tamil Nadu	1000
25	Telangana	1000
26	Tripura	1500
27	Uttar Pradesh	1000
28	Uttarakhand	2000
29	West Bengal	1500
30	A&N Islands	1000
31	Chandigarh	3000
32	D&N Haveli	3946
33	Daman & Diu	3642
34	Delhi	1000
35	Lakshadweep	9500
36	Puducherry	19000

Source: AWP&B, 2018-19