

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd JULY, 2019**

Guidelines of SSA

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

- (a) whether the Government is issuing guidelines to the State Governments regarding the increase of facilities given under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in all schools across the country;
- (b) if so, the nature of the facilities which is being given and other provisions which is likely to be included in this scheme; and
- (c) whether any new project or guidelines is likely to be formulated in order to provide adequate amount of quality food for ensuring good health of children through the Mid Day Meal given under SSA and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) and (b) The Department of School Education & Literacy has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely Samagra Shiksha - an Integrated Scheme for School Education by subsuming the erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE) from 2018-19. It is an overarching programme for the school education sector extending from pre-school to class XII and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education.

The major interventions of Samagra Shiksha scheme are: (i) Universal Access including Infrastructure Development and Retention; (ii) Gender and Equity; (iii) Inclusive Education; (iv) Quality; (v) Financial support for Teacher Salary; (vi) Digital initiatives; (vii) Entitlements under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 including uniforms, textbooks etc.;(viii) Pre-school Education; (ix) Vocational Education; (x) Sports and Physical Education; (xi) Strengthening of Teacher Education and Training; and (xii) Monitoring of the scheme.

Main features of the Samagra Shiksha scheme, inter alia, are as follows:

- (i) Universalizing access to quality school education by expansion of schooling facilities in the uncovered areas through up-gradation of schools up-to senior secondary level.

- (ii) Ensuring availability of adequate infrastructure to ensure that schools conform to the prescribed norms.
 - (iii) Annual Grant of Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 20,000/- per school for strengthening of Libraries.
 - (iv) Annual Composite school grant of Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 1,00,000/- to be allocated on the basis of school enrolment, out of which at least 10% is required to be spent on activities related to Swachhata Action Plan.
 - (v) Annual Grant for sports equipments at the cost of Rs. 5000 for Primary Schools, Rs. 10,000 for upper primary schools and up to Rs. 25,000 for secondary and senior secondary schools.
 - (vi) Allocation for Children with Special Needs (CwSN) of Rs. 3,500 per child per annum including a stipend of Rs. 200 per month for CWSN girls to be provided from Classes I to XII.
 - (vii) Allocation for uniforms at the rate of Rs. 600 per child per annum.
 - (viii) Allocation for textbooks at the rate of Rs. 250/400 per child per annum.
 - (ix) Upgradation of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) from Class 6-8 to Class 6-12.
 - (x) Strengthening Teacher Education Institutions like State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERTs) and District Institute of Education and Training (DIETs) to improve the quality of teachers.
 - (xi) Enhanced use of digital technology in education through smart classrooms, digital boards and Direct to Home (DTH) channels.
 - (xii) Support States and UTs for implementation of provisions of RTE Act, including reimbursement under section 12(1)(c) of the Act.
 - (xiii) Setting up of residential schools and hostels for difficult areas and for children in difficult circumstances.
 - (xiv) The scheme also provides for annual maintenance and repair of existing school building, toilets and other facilities to upkeep the infrastructure in good condition.
- (c) Mid-Day Meal (MDM) is a separate Centrally Sponsored Scheme for providing hot cooked mid-day meal on all school working days to all children studying in elementary classes (1-VIII) in all Government schools, Government-aided schools, Special Training Centres and Madrasas & Maqtabas supported under Samagra Shiksha (SS). The Mid Day Meal Guidelines prescribe the following nutritional content for improving the quality of mid day meal:

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

The Government of India has issued guidelines on quality, safety and hygiene in school level kitchens to all the States and UTs to address the quality issue. These guidelines inter-alia provide for instructions to schools to procure Agmark quality and branded items for preparation of mid day meals, tasting of meals by 2-3 adult members of School Management Committee including at least one teacher before serving to children and to put in place a system of testing of food samples by accredited laboratories. Further, the MDM Rules, 2015 provide for mandatory testing of food samples by Government recognized laboratories to ensure that the meals meet nutritional standards and quality. The Government has also adopted an elaborate monitoring mechanism at Central, State and District levels to ensure quality food is served to children under the Scheme.
