

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4707  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

**Mid Day Meal in Kerala**

4707. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the implementation of mid day meal project in pre and upper primary schools in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned any amount to provide mid day meal for school children in Kerala;
- (d) if so, the details of funds released during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b): The National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools, popularly known as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, is an on-going Centrally-Sponsored Scheme which covers all school children studying in Classes I-VIII of Government, Government-Aided Schools, Special Training Centres including Madaras and Maqtabs supported under Samagra Shiksha. In Kerala, mid-day meal is provided to all the eligible children in Classes I-VIII under the scheme. Mid-day meal is also provided to pre-primary children with the resources of State Government.

(c) to (e): The details of funds released during the last three years to State Government of Kerala under the Scheme is as follows:

State	Central Assistance Released (Rs. In lakhs)		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Kerala	17781.46	32978.36*	19856.63

\*This includes Central Assistance of Rs. 12658.26 lakh for construction of kitchen-cum-stores.