

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4772
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

Rice Fortification under MDM Scheme

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

- (a) the details of the programme of rice fortification being implemented to improve the nutritional deficiency of the school children under Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Maharashtra and Odisha;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to take forward the said programme to the other parts of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard and programme is likely to be introduced?

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

- (a): Government of Odisha implemented the fortification of rice in Gajapati District between 2012 to 2015. The project used iron base for fortification. Government of Odisha has sustained the rice fortification project in Gajapati with their own resources and fortification with multi nutrient fortificant (iron, Zn, B1, B2, B12 etc.) is also being implemented in Dhenkanal district. In Maharashtra no rice fortification programme is being implemented under Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS).
- (b) & (c): Government of India has approved the Centrally Sponsored Pilot Scheme on "Fortification of Rice and its Distribution under Public Distribution System". The Pilot Scheme has been approved for a period of three year beginning 2019-20. The Pilot Scheme focuses on 15 districts preferably 1 district per State during the initial phase of implementation. The operational responsibilities for implementation of the Pilot Scheme lies with the States and UTs. Ministry of Women & Child Development and Department of School Education & Literacy have consented to bear the incremental cost on account of fortification of rice in respect of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) respectively. States have been advised to cater to the requirement of ICDS and MDMS besides requirement of Public Distribution System.
