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INCREASE IN RATE OF HONORARIUM TO COOK-CUM-HELPERS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government considering the inflation rate has revised the cooking cost per student in March 2020; and
- (b) the reasons for rejection of the proposal for increasing the honorarium of cook-cum-helpers till 2025?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a): Under the PM POSHAN Scheme, the Central Government revised the cooking cost (now known as material cost) on the basis of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) by increasing 10.99% over and above the then existing cooking cost in March 2020. The revised cooking cost per child per day for primary and upper primary classes were Rs. 4.97 and Rs. 7.45 as against the then existing rates of Rs. 4.48 and Rs. 6.71 respectively w.e.f. 01.04.2020.
- (b): Under the Scheme, honorarium is provided to Cook-cum Helpers (CCHs) for preparing and serving hot cooked meals at schools. These CCHs are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services. As per guidelines of the Scheme, uniform honorarium of Rs. 1000/- per month for 10 months in a year is prescribed for these CCHs in recognition of their services, and the same is being continued. The honorarium expenditure is shared between the Central Government and States and UTs as per the approved sharing pattern. Moreover, the State Governments and UT Administrations also supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources.
