

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1175**  
ANSWERED ON- 11.12.2023

**Increase in per Student allocation under PM POSHAN**

1175. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the head masters of the schools are facing hardship due to the non-revision of per student allocation for the implementation of PM POSHAN Scheme/Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government intends to increase the per student allocation for the scheme across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the PM POSHAN Scheme/Mid Day Meal Scheme has provided funding to educational institutions in Ernakulam district, Kerala; and
- (f) if so, the details, name of schools, locations, amount, for the FYs 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) to (d): Under the PM POSHAN Scheme, the Central Government revised the per day per child material cost by increasing 9.6% over and above the existing material cost in 2022. The revised material cost per day per child for Bal Vatika and Primary classes as well as Upper Primary classes are Rs. 5.45 and Rs. 8.17 as against the prior cost of Rs. 4.97 and Rs. 7.45 respectively w.e.f 01.10.2022. The material cost includes the cost of vegetables, pulses, oil, condiments & fuel.

In addition to above, the Central Government provides 100% funding for food grains, transport assistance, and Management/Monitoring Expenses. Including the cost of food grains, current costs per student per meal under PM POSHAN Scheme are Rs. 11.38 and Rs. 16.25 respectively for primary and upper primary level.

(e) & (f): PM POSHAN Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented across the country including Ernakulam district of Kerala covering all the eligible children studying in Government and Government Aided schools. Under the Scheme, the central assistance released to State Government of Kerala for the five years (2019-20 to 2023-24) are given as under:

Rs. (in lakhs)

S.No.	Years	Central Assistance Released
1.	2019-20	19962.41
2.	2020-21	27688.82
3.	2021-22	20305.5
4.	2022-23	42543.83
5.	2023-24	10833.54 (as on date)

State Government implements the scheme in all the districts as per their Annual Work Plan & Budget (AWP&B) approved by Programme Approval Board (PAB-PM POSHAN).

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