

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1357**  
ANSWERED ON- 11.12.2023

**Honorarium of Cooks in Mid Day Meal Scheme**

+1357. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the honorarium of cooks working in Mid Day Meal Scheme;
- (b) whether the honorarium of the cooks is equal in all over the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) to (c): Under PM POSHAN Scheme (earlier known as Mid Day Meal Scheme), the Cook-Cum-Helpers (CCHs) are engaged for preparing and serving hot cooked meals at schools. They 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.

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