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Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Jharkhand

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features and objectives of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);
- (b) the details of the amount of funds released to Jharkhand for this scheme during the last two years, district-wise;
- (c) whether the State Government also contributes in the Scheme;
- (d) if so, the contribution provided by it during the last two years;
- (e) whether there is any menu fixed for food prepared under the Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the amount of funds provided per student for the Scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a): PM POSHAN Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The Salient features of the Scheme are as under:
- (i) Inclusion of Balvatika: The provision of hot cooked meal to children of pre-schools or Balvatika (before class I) in primary schools also, in addition to children of classes I to VIII studying in Government and Government-aided schools.
 - (ii) Tithi Bhojan: Tithi Bhojan is a community participation programme in which people provide special food to children on special occasions/festivals in addition to regular meal.
 - (iii) School Nutrition Gardens: Under the Scheme, development of School Nutrition Gardens in schools is being promoted, to give children first hand experience with nature and gardening.

(iv) Social Audit: Social Audit in all districts is made mandatory under the Scheme. Social Audit is collective monitoring of a scheme by people's active involvement covering issues of equity, equality and expenditure management.

(v) Vocal for local: Under 'Vocal for local' States and Union Territory Administrations are encouraged to decide menu suitable to the local conditions within the prescribed nutrition and food norms and to procure locally grown food items like millets, vegetables, condiments etc. from Farmers' Producers Organizations, Federation of Women's Self-Help Groups etc. so as to promote local employment generation and economic development while simultaneously improving the nutrition standards.

(vi) Special Focus: Adequate provision for supplementary nutrition in aspirational districts / tribal districts / districts with identified high cases of malnutrition etc.

(vii) Disaster Management: Provision of hot cooked meal or Food Security Allowance to children when schools are closed due to a disaster impacting the State/Union Territory, part of State/Union Territory, some States/Union Territory or whole country as maybe declared by the State/Central Government under its powers as Disaster Management Authority.

(b) to (d): PM POSHAN Scheme is implemented in partnership with the States and Union Territory Administrations. The existing cost sharing ratio between the Centre and States & UTs with Legislature is 60:40, for North-Eastern Regions (NER)/Himalayan States including J&K is 90:10 and in Union Territories without legislature is 100%. The district-wise details of the release of Central Assistance for the last two years to the State Government of Jharkhand and matching State share under the scheme are given at Annexure.

For the year 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 24517.40 lakh as Central Assistance has been released and 80549.77 MTs of foodgrains has been allocated to the State of Jharkhand under the Scheme.

(e) : PM POSHAN Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The overall responsibilities for providing cooked and nutritious mid-day meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations in accordance with the Guidelines laid down by the Central Government. The States and UTs fix their menu according to their local needs, in order to meet the following nutritional content as prescribed in the scheme Guidelines.

Components	Primary	Upper Primary
Calories	450	700
Proteins	12 gms	20 gms

(f): Under the Scheme, the material cost per day per child for Bal Vatika and Primary classes as well as Upper Primary classes is Rs. 5.45 and Rs. 8.17 respectively. In addition to above, the Central Government provides 100% funding for foodgrains, transport assistance, and Management/Monitoring Expenses. Including the cost of foodgrains current cost per student for PM POSHAN Scheme is Rs. 11.38 and Rs. 16.25 respectively for primary and upper primary level.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 235 for 05.02.2024 raised by Shri Sanjay Seth, Hon'ble MP regarding Mid-Day Meal Scheme in Jharkhand.

The details of the amount of funds released to Jharkhand for PM POSHAN (erstwhile Mid-Day Meal) Scheme in the last two years district-wise

(Rs. In lakh)

S.No.	Dist.	2021-22			2022-23		
		Central	State	Total	Central	State	Total
1	Ranchi	2023.69	1109.63	3133.32	2265.41	1198.50	3463.92
2	Khunti	667.28	370.56	1037.85	725.56	372.27	1097.83
3	Lohardaga	560.46	302.81	863.28	629.08	331.08	960.16
4	Gumla	1407.02	769.13	2176.15	1439.54	761.68	2201.22
5	Simdega	837.41	458.56	1295.97	834.07	415.49	1249.56
6	East Singhbhum	1484.04	796.56	2280.60	1590.54	819.00	2409.55
7	S -Kharsawan	1059.38	589.64	1649.02	1154.08	598.65	1752.74
8	W. Singhbhum	2033.98	1148.95	3182.93	2280.57	1185.58	3466.16
9	Palamu	2886.08	1609.79	4495.86	3111.38	1669.50	4780.88
10	Latehar	1130.17	625.14	1755.31	1184.77	621.94	1806.71
11	Garhwa	1767.41	986.61	2754.02	1944.63	1021.22	2965.85
12	Hazaribagh	1569.58	831.84	2401.42	1864.07	974.66	2838.73
13	Ramgarh	656.12	387.82	1043.93	769.52	396.82	1166.35
14	Koderma	779.41	416.69	1196.10	870.01	457.97	1327.99
15	Chartra	1637.33	920.42	2557.75	1804.66	935.97	2740.63
16	Giridih	3063.73	1701.64	4765.37	3412.70	1797.69	5210.39
17	Dhanbad	1724.95	927.24	2652.19	1894.54	1033.92	2928.45
18	Bokaro	1535.50	850.77	2386.27	1614.68	838.19	2452.87
19	Dumka	1786.10	983.90	2770.00	1961.04	1008.78	2969.82
20	Jamtara	983.92	576.91	1560.83	1087.49	574.54	1662.03
21	Sahebganj	1675.24	926.77	2602.01	1855.94	1004.74	2860.68
22	Pakur	1102.47	594.44	1696.91	1244.42	671.67	1916.09
23	Godda	1769.28	974.52	2743.80	1937.49	1018.44	2955.94
24	Deoghar	2028.86	1154.87	3183.74	2137.21	1165.32	3302.53
Total		36169.43	20015.21	56184.64	39613.42	20873.62	60487.05