

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 117  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019**

**Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS)**

117. SHRI TAPIR GAO:

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

- (a) the number of manpower engaged for Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in Schools;
- (b) the total strength of Mid Day Meal Scheme staff working all over the country, State-wise;
- (c) the number of days in a week and number of months they are working in a year;
- (d) the details of honorarium paid to each staff engaged in the MDMS; and
- (e) whether there is any uniformity in the honorarium to MDMS staff and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) one cook-cum-helper (CCH) can be engaged for upto 25 students, two cook-cum-helpers (CCHs) for schools with 26 to 100 students and one additional cook-cum-helper for every addition of up to 100 students. As against approval of 26.09 lakh cook-cum-helpers under the scheme during 2018-19, 24.95 lakh cook-cum-helpers have been engaged by the States and Union Territories. The State and UT-wise details of CCHs engaged under the scheme are given at Annexure -I.

CCHs engaged under the Scheme for preparing and serving mid-day meals at schools, are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services. In recognition of their services, the CCHs are paid Rs.1000 per month for 10 months in a year. Honorarium is also provided to CCHs for preparing and serving mid day meals in elementary schools during summer vacation in drought affected areas notified by the concerned State Governments. The details of the honorarium paid to the CCHs working under MDMS in all States and Union Territories during 2018-19 are given at Annexure-II. The honorarium expenditure is shared between the Central Government and States and UTs as per the approved sharing pattern. Some State Governments and UT Administrations also supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 117 for 18.11.2019 raised by Shri Tapir Gao regarding Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS)

**Details of CCHs engaged under the scheme during 2018-19**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>States</b>	<b>No. of Cooks-cum-Helpers Engaged</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	85143
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6525
3	Assam	118319
4	Bihar	238869
5	Chhattisgarh	89101
6	Goa	2729
7	Gujarat	96329
8	Haryana	29980
9	Himachal Pradesh	21753
10	Jammu & Kashmir	30583
11	Jharkhand	80282
12	Karnataka	117927
13	Kerala	14389
14	Madhya Pradesh	215834
15	Maharashtra	171131
16	Manipur	6277
17	Meghalaya	17882
18	Mizoram	4936
19	Nagaland	4695
20	Orissa	115543
21	Punjab	42368
22	Rajasthan	109922
23	Sikkim	1846
24	Tamilnadu	128130
25	Telangana	53176
26	Tripura	11002
27	Uttar Pradesh	393431
28	Uttarakhand	26524
29	West Bengal	238106
30	A&N islands	721
31	Chandigarh	800
32	D&N Haveli	926
33	Daman & Diu	320
34	Delhi	18434
35	Lakshadweep	110
36	Puducherry	1031
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2495074</b>

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**Honorarium to Cook-cum-helpers during 2018-19**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>States</b>	<b>Cooks-cum-Helpers - Honorarium Per Month</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	3000
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1000
3	Assam	1000
4	Bihar	1500
5	Chhattisgarh	1200
6	Goa	1000
7	Gujarat	1000
8	Haryana	3500
9	Himachal Pradesh	1800
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1000
11	Jharkhand	1500
12	Karnataka	2700
13	Kerala	9000
14	Madhya Pradesh	2000
15	Maharashtra	1000
16	Manipur	1000
17	Meghalaya	1000
18	Mizoram	1500
19	Nagaland	1000
20	Orissa	1400
21	Punjab	1700
22	Rajasthan	1320
23	Sikkim	1000
24	Tamilnadu	10083
25	Telangana	1000
26	Tripura	1500
27	Uttar Pradesh	1000
28	Uttarakhand	2000
29	West Bengal	1500
30	A&N islands	1000
31	Chandigarh	3000
32	D&N Haveli	3876
33	Daman & Diu	3721
34	Delhi	1000
35	Lakshadweep	9500
36	Puducherry	19000

**Source: AWP&B, 2019-20**