

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

Grant of Mid Day Meal Scheme

1272 . SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

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

- (a) the details of the amount that has been utilised out of the demand for grants for Mid Day Meal Scheme and the details of amount that has been utilized for the same;
- (b) whether it is a fact that in spite of Mid Day Meal Scheme, the nutrition level of children is not at desired level and if so, the gaps identified in the implementation process; and
- (c) the steps taken/to be taken to improve the implementation of the MDMS at grassroot level in the country?

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

- (a): Under Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) during the year 2018-19, an amount of Rs. 9518.08 crore has been utilized as against budget provision of Rs. 9947.74 crore. The State and UT-wise details of fund utilized is given at Annexure.
- (b)& (c): As per the provisions of National Food Security Act, 2013, children upto class VIII or within the age group of 6-14 years are entitled to one mid day meal free of charge, every day except on school holidays, in all schools run by local bodies, Government and Government aided schools so as to meet nutritional standards specified in the Act. The Mid-Day Meal Guidelines prescribe the following nutritional and food norms under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme for improving the quality of mid-day meal.

Items	For children of Primary classes	For children of Upper Primary classes
A) Nutritional Norms (Per child per day)		
Calorie	450	700
Protein	12 gms	20 gms
B) Quantum of Food Norms (Per child per day)		
Food-grains	100 gms	150 gms
Pulses	20 gms	30 gms
Vegetables	50 gms	75 gms
Oil & fat	5 gms	7.5 gms
Salt & condiments	As per need	As per need

The Government of India has issued guidelines on quality, safety and hygiene in school level kitchens to all the States and UTs. These guidelines inter-alia provide for instructions to schools to procure Agmark quality and branded items for preparation of mid day meals, tasting of meals by 2-3 adult members of School Management Committee including at least one teacher before serving to children and to put in place a system of testing of food samples by accredited laboratories. Further, the MDM Rules, 2015 provide for mandatory testing of food samples by Government recognized laboratories to ensure that the meals meet nutritional standards and quality. The Government has also adopted an elaborate monitoring mechanism at Central, State and District levels to ensure quality food is served to children under the Scheme. In addition to directing States and UTs to carry out Social Audit, the Centre constitutes Joint Review Missions (JRM)s consisting of educational and nutritional experts, which review the scheme through field visits from time to time. The reports of JRM)s are shared with concerned States and UTs for taking suitable action on the findings.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1272 for 25.11.2019 raised by Shrimati Meenakashi Lekhi regarding Grant of Mid Day Meal Scheme

Fund Utilized during 2018-19 under Mid-Day Meal Scheme

S. No.	States and UTs	Fund Utilized (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	25748.17
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2506.03
3	Assam	51982.21
4	Bihar	112448.94
5	Chhattisgarh	32085.98
6	Goa	1309.07
7	Gujarat	42351.63
8	Haryana	13218.95
9	Himachal Pradesh	8021.3
10	Jammu & Kashmir	10665.8
11	Jharkhand	33242.99
12	Karnataka	40707.67
13	Kerala	19856.63
14	Madhya Pradesh	56191.95
15	Maharashtra	98185.46
16	Manipur	2050.81
17	Meghalaya	7734.39
18	Mizoram	1889.23
19	Nagaland	2861.95
20	Orissa	39556.93
21	Punjab	15249.99
22	Rajasthan	42043.3
23	Sikkim	881.15
24	Tamil Nadu	42054.58
25	Telangana	15757.34
26	Tripura	5339.03
27	Uttarakhand	9478.27
28	Uttar Pradesh	112771.6
29	West Bengal	91710.01
30	A&N Islands	584.78
31	Chandigarh	1062.83
32	D&N Haveli	933.22
33	Daman & Diu	304.07
34	Delhi	9808.38
35	Lakshadweep	124.63
36	Puducherry	515.51
	National Component	573.20
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>951807.97</i>