

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4179  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

**MDMS Expenses During Lockdown**

**4179. MS. DIYA KUMARI:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the data on the expenditure incurred on Mid-day meals during the months of nationwide lockdown, district-wise;
- (b) the details of measures undertaken by the Government to ensure equitable distribution of meal kits or cooked meals to students;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to continue the supply of meal packages in place of cooked meals to registered students, especially girl students, until complete lockdown from schools is lifted; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a): Under Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) the funds are being released to States and UTs on the basis of number of children and number of regular school working days. The States and UTs wise funds released during the year 2020-21 are given at Annexure.
- (b) to (d): Mid-Day Meal is the entitlement of a child, guaranteed under the National Food Security Act, 2013 and extant per day per child norms of hot cooked meal under MDMS are as under:

Stage	Foodgrain	Cooking Cost	
		Amount	Items
Primary	100 gms	Rs. 4.97	20 gms pulse, 50 gms vegetables, 5 gm oil other condiments and fuel.
Upper Primary	150 gms	Rs. 7.45	30 gms pulse, 75 gms vegetables, 7.5 gm oil other condiments and fuel.

The calorific value of a mid-day meal for primary classes is 450 calories and 12 gram protein while for upper primary classes it is 700 calories and 20 grams of protein per child/school day.

In order to enable children to meet their nutritional requirement and safe guard their immunity during closure of schools due to COVID pandemic, Ministry of education issued an advisory to all States & UTs to provide hot cooked Mid Day Meal or Food Security Allowance, comprising of food grains and cooking cost to children in March, 2020. Requisite Central Assistance has been released and sufficient food grains have been allocated to all the States/UTs for this purpose.

Further in April, 2020 considering the onset of summer vacations, it was announced as a special one time measure that Food Security Allowance comprising of food grains and cooking cost (or its equivalent pulses, oil etc) will also be provided to eligible children even during summer vacations. In July, 2020 States and UTs have been advised to provide Food Security Allowance comprising of food grains and pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) to all eligible children including girls students in lieu of hot cooked mid-day meal, duly following extant social distancing norms, until the schools are reopened.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4179 for 22.03.2021 raised by Ms. Diya Kumari, Hon'ble MP regarding MDMS Expenses During Lockdown

State/UT-wise funds released during the year 2020-21

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	States/UTs	Total Releases during 2020 - 21
1	Andhra Pradesh	37510.17
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1251.78
3	Assam	38817.16
4	Bihar	132704.95
5	Chhattisgarh	38080.87
6	Goa	1709.34
7	Gujarat	52851.83
8	Haryana	15572.72
9	Himachal Pradesh	9464.29
10	Jammu & Kashmir	15960.26
11	Jharkhand	27999.67
12	Karnataka	51553.53
13	Kerala	27688.82
14	Madhya Pradesh	82754.74
15	Maharashtra	100250.03
16	Manipur	2386.93
17	Meghalaya	8142.9
18	Mizoram	959.51

19	Nagaland	2744.37
20	Orissa	58301.22
21	Punjab	18931.4
22	Rajasthan	56439.77
23	Sikkim	791.14
24	Tamilnadu	49221.67
25	Telangana	4524.22
26	Tripura	6078.54
27	Uttarakhand	12272.47
28	Uttar Pradesh	207166.14
29	West Bengal	133458.57
30	A&N Islands	648.71
31	Chandigarh	1338.56
32	D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu	1307.94
33	Delhi	6935.43
34	Lakshadweep	32.62
35	Ladakh	390.94
36	Puducherry	503.45
<b>Total</b>		<b>1206746.66</b>