

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2274
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

Mid Day Meal Menu for Lakshadweep

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has changed mid day meal scheme menu of Union Territory of Lakshadweep and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any rule regarding the Mid Day Meal menu in schools and if so, the details regarding the same;
- (c) whether meat was dropped from the mid day meal scheme of Union Territory of Lakshadweep; and
- (d) if so, the details and reasons regarding the same?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d) Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) 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. The States and UTs fix their menu according to their local needs, in order to meet the following nutritional content as prescribed in the Schedule II of National Food Security Act, 2013:

Components	Primary	Upper Primary
Calories	450 Cal	700 Cal
Protein	12 gms.	20 gms.

As reported by Union Territory of Lakshadweep, the MDM menu was slightly modified as per the decision taken in the meeting of UT level Steering cum Monitoring Committee and the mid-day meal menu in Lakshadweep is as follows:

S.No	Days	Food Items
1	Monday	Rice , Dal, Fish , Green gram, Fruits
2	Tuesday	Rice , Dal, Egg , Green gram
3	Wednesday	Rice , Dal, Fish , Green gram, Fruits
4	Thursday	Rice , Dal, Green gram, Egg/Fish
5	Saturday	Rice , Dal, Fish , Green gram, Egg, Fruits/ Dry Fruits
6	Sunday	Rice , Dal, Fish , Green gram, Egg/Fish

Fruits and non-veg are provided according to the items available in the local market. As per the decision taken in the above meeting, meat was excluded and fish, egg and dry-fruits are included in the menu.
