

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1277
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

MDMS in Maharashtra

**1277. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in Maharashtra;
- (b) the total number of schools in which this scheme is being implemented in Maharashtra;
- (c) the quality of the food provided every day to each student and the amount spent thereon as on date;
- (d) the total number of cooks appointed in Maharashtra for the purpose of implementing the said scheme; and
- (e) the details of the total areas covered by this scheme in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

- (a) to (e): Central Government has approved the Centrally Sponsored Scheme '**Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN)**' earlier known as 'National Programme for Mid-Day Meal in Schools' for providing one hot cooked meal in Government and Government – aided Schools across the country including Maharashtra. In Maharashtra, the Scheme covers 1,02,35,007 children enrolled in 85979 schools. The State Government has engaged 1,62,991 cook-cum-helpers for implementation of the Scheme.

As per the Schedule II of National Food Security Act, 2013, the following nutritional content is prescribed in the Scheme:

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

The above nutritional norms are met by providing the following food items to the children of primary and upper primary classes under the scheme all over the country including Maharashtra:

S.No.	Items	Primary Stage	Upper Primary Stage
		Food norms (in gms)	Food norms (in gms)
1.	Foodgrains (Rice / Wheat)	100	150
2.	Pulses	20	30
3.	Vegetables (Leafy & Others)	50	75
4.	Oil & Fat	5	7.5
5.	Salt & Condiments	As per need	As per need

In addition to providing food grains under the scheme, cooking cost is also provided which is meant to meet the cost of pulses, vegetables, cooking oil, other condiments and fuel. At present the per child per day cooking cost is Rs. 4.97 for primary level and Rs. 7.45 for upper primary level.
