

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1313
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

PM Poshan Scheme

**1313. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce PM Poshan scheme to provide mid-day meal to students of Government and Government aided schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said scheme will be different from the existing mid-day meal scheme;
- (d) if so, the purpose of carrying out the change;
- (e) the share of the Centre and the States in this scheme; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the implementation of the new scheme?

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

- (a) to (f): 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.

The Government has approved provision of hot cooked meal to children of Balvatika (before class I) also, in addition to the children of classes I to VIII. The Government approved continuation of the Scheme for the five year period 2021-22 to 2025-26 with the financial outlay of ₹ 54061.73 crores from the Central Government and ₹ 31733.17 crore from State Government & Union Territory Administrations. Central Government will also bear additional cost of about ₹ 45000 crore on foodgrains through subsidy.

The scheme is implemented in partnership with the States and Union Territory Administrations. The overall responsibility for providing cooked and nutritious mid-day meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.
