

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 194
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

Mid Day Meal Scheme

**†194. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:
SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the mid day meal along with components (raw material, cook honorarium etc) for each student, year-wise and State-wise particularly of Parliamentary Constituency, Amravati;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey or complied to any survey for minimum necessary amount to provide nutrition food to each child and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether during the complete lockdown due to global corona pandemic online classes were arranged in all the Government schools across the country particularly in Maharashtra including Amravati;
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance provided by the Union Government to the States for online education; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) : 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 from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The scheme is implemented uniformly with same components across the country including the Parliamentary Constituency Amravati. The details of components of the scheme are given at Annexure.
- (b): As per the Schedule II of National Food Security Act, 2013, the following nutritional content based on research, 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:

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

(c) to (e): A comprehensive initiative “PM eVIDYA” has been initiated as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan on 17th May, 2020, unifies all efforts related to digital/online/on-air education to enable multi-mode access to education. This initiative includes the following:

- (i) DIKSHA (one nation, one digital platform) is the nation’s digital infrastructure for providing quality e-content for school education in states/UTs and QR coded Energized Textbooks for all grades are available on it.
- (ii) One earmarked Swayam Prabha TV channel per class from 1 to 12 (one class, one channel).
- (iii) Extensive use of Radio, Community radio and CBSE Podcast- Shiksha Vani.
- (iv) Special e-content for visually and hearing impaired developed on Digitally Accessible Information System (DAISY) and in sign language on NIOS website/ YouTube.

All the above schemes/programmes are available to all the students across the nation.

For connecting all the rural schools in the state of Maharashtra, online education, audio lessons through Radio, Video lessons on TV Channels, DD Sayadri etc are widely used by the students to continue learning during the pandemic period.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 194 for 29.11.2021 raised by Shrimati Navneet Ravi Rana and Shri Dileshwar Kamait, Hon'ble MPs regarding Mid Day Meal Scheme.

The details of components of PM POSHAN Scheme (earlier known as Mid Day Meal Scheme).

- i) **Food Grains:** Supply of food grains @ 100 grams per child per school day for primary and 150 grams for upper primary at NFSA rate i.e. ₹ 1 per kg for coarse grains, ₹ 2 per kg for wheat and ₹ 3 per kg for rice.
- ii) **Cooking Cost:** It includes cost of ingredients, e.g. pulses, vegetables, cooking oil, other condiments and fuel. The per child per day cooking cost is ₹ 4.97 for primary and ₹ 7.45 for upper primary w.e.f. 1st April, 2020.
- iii) **Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers:** @ ₹ 1000 per month for 10 months in a year.
- iv) **Transportation Assistance:** As per PDS rate for transportation of food grains from FCI godown to school door steps. Maximum ₹ 1500 per MT for transportation of food grains from FCI godown to school door steps for States other than NER and 2 Himalayan States and 2 UTs.
- v) **Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (MME):** @ 3% of aggregate of cost of foodgrains, cooking cost, Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers and Transportation Assistance.
- vi) **Kitchen-cum-store:** As per plinth area norm and State Schedule of Rates. 20 sq meter for schools having enrolment of 100 students. Additional 4 sq meter for every addition of up to 100 students.
- vii) **Kitchen devices:** Linked with enrolment.

Enrolment (No. of Children) per school	Unit Cost (In ₹)
Up to 50	10,000
51-150	15,000
151-250	20,000
251 & above	25,000

- viii) **Repair of kitchen-cum-stores:** ₹ 10,000/- per unit, for the kitchen-cum-stores, which were constructed 10 years ago.
- ix) **Innovation / Flexibility component with no separate budgetary support:** Five percent of the aggregate of the cost of foodgrains, cooking cost, transport assistance, honorarium to cook-cum-helpers, and MME with no separate additional budgetary support for this component. The requirement of funds under this component will be met from available funds and implemented as per Department of Expenditure's OM No. 55(5)/PF-II/2011 dated 06.09.2016.