

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2961
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022**

Mid Day Meal Scheme

2961. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has estimated that Rupees 4000 Crore would be required to include breakfast in the Mid Day Meal scheme for all the 12 crore children in the country for the year 2021-22 and if so, details of the concrete steps taken to make this plan a reality;
- (b) whether the proposal has been examined by the cabinet so far and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) to (c): As per the provisions of National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, children studying in classes I-VIII or within the age group of 6-14 years are entitled to one mid day meal free of charge, every day except on school holidays, in all schools run by local bodies, Government and Government aided schools so as to meet nutritional standards specified in the Act. Accordingly, hot cooked meal is provided to eligible children on all working school days under PM POSHAN Scheme (earlier known as National Programme for Mid-Day Meal in Schools). The following nutritional content is prescribed in the Scheme:

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

There is no provision of breakfast in the Scheme. However, some States and UTs provide additional items such as milk, egg, fruits etc. to students from their own resources.
