

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022**

Honorarium for MDMS Workers

161. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is contemplating to increase the honorarium of Mid Day Meal cooks/ workers in the country;
- (b) if so, by when it is likely to be increased; and
- (c) if not, the reason therefor?

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

- (a) to (c): Under the PM POSHAN Scheme (earlier known as Mid Day Meal Scheme), Cook-Cum-Helpers (CCHs) are engaged for preparing and serving hot cooked meals at schools. They are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services. In recognition of their services, the CCHs are paid Rs.1000 per month as honorarium for 10 months in a year and this is being continued. Honorarium is also provided to CCHs for preparing and serving hot cooked meals in elementary schools during summer vacation in drought affected areas notified by the concerned State Governments. The honorarium expenditure is shared between the Central Government and States and UTs as per the approved sharing pattern. The State Governments and UT Administrations also supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources.
