

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2402**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

**Honorarium of Cook cum Helpers under PM Poshan Scheme**

**2402. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government received request from many States including Kerala to raise the honorarium of Cook-cum-Helpers (CCH) under PM Poshan Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the central share of honorarium and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had received a recommendation from the Standing Committee for the development of a uniform system to avoid disparity in the honorarium paid in many States; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government considered the same and taken any decision in this regard?

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

(a) to (d): Requests for increasing the honorarium to Cook-cum Helpers (CCHs) under PM POSHAN Scheme have been received from many States including Kerala. It is stated that honorarium is provided to CCHs for preparing and serving hot cooked meals at schools. These CCHs are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services. As per guidelines of the Scheme, uniform honorarium of Rs. 1000/- per month for 10 months in a year is prescribed for these CCHs in recognition of their services, and the same is being continued. The honorarium expenditure is shared between the Central Government and States and UTs as per the approved sharing pattern. Moreover, the State Governments and UT Administrations also supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources.

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