

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO-90**  
ANSWERED ON - 29/07/2024

**Central Share in PM POSHAN Scheme in Kerala**

**\*90 Shri N K Premachandran :**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to continue the Mid Day Meal/PM-POSHAN Scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government conducted any study regarding the difficulties faced by the school authorities to implement the scheme by using the meagre share of Union Government, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the share of Union Government in the scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the State Government of Kerala is facing acute shortage of funds to implement the Scheme, if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Government to overcome the financial crisis;
- (e) whether the Government disbursed the central share for the scheme to the State Government of Kerala without arrears; and
- (f) if so, the details of amount disbursed to Kerala till date ?

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

**(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*90 for 29.07.2024 raised by Shri N K Premachandran, Hon'ble MP regarding Central Share in PM POSHAN Scheme in Kerala.**

(a) to (c): Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the continuation of PM POSHAN Scheme in schools for the five-year period from 2021-22 to 2025-26. The overall responsibility for smooth functioning of the scheme including providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.

About 11.63 crore students studying in more than 10.67 lakh Government and Government-aided schools are covered under the PM POSHAN Scheme. The budget allocation for 2024-25 is Rs. 12467.39 crore and 25.33 lakh MT Foodgrains is allocated to States & UTs for the FY. Central Government also bears the subsidy of about Rs 9000 crore towards provision of foodgrains through Dept. of Food & Public Distribution.

The Central Government provides 100% assistance for the following components under the scheme:

- i) Cost of Foodgrains,
- ii) Transportation Assistance,
- iii) Management, Monitoring & Evaluation (MME)

The cost sharing ratio under the scheme between the Centre and States/UTs as per the approved funding pattern is

- 100% for Union Territories without Legislature
- 90:10 for North Eastern Region (NER) States and 2 Himalayan States and UT of J&K,
- 60:40 for other States as well as 2 Union Territories with Legislature (Delhi and Puducherry).

The above funding pattern is for the following components:

- i) Material cost
- ii) Honorarium to cook-cum-helpers

(d) to (f): The State Government of Kerala has reported that there is no crisis in implementation of PM POSHAN Scheme due to shortage of funds and no amount is pending to be received from Central Government till 2023-24. As on 21.07.2024, as per SNA 01 Report, State Government of Kerala has a bank balance of Rs. 26.31 crore. For the FY 2024-25, Rs. 34.33 crore was available as unspent balance as on 01.04.2024 and 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Rs 48.47 crore has been released on 24.07.2024. Under the Scheme, the Central Assistance released to State Government of Kerala from 2014-15 to 2024-25 (till date) is as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Central Assistance Released (Rs. in crore)</b>
1	2014-15	225.75
2	2015-16	171.21
3	2016-17	177.81
4	2017-18	329.78
5	2018-19	198.57
6	2019-20	199.62
7	2020-21	276.89
8	2021-22	184.82
9	2022-23	425.44
10	2023-24	249.01
11	2024-25	48.47 (First installment )

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