GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 1711

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 10th MARCH, 2025 PHALGUNA 19, 1946 (SAKA)

Welfare Measures in Budget 2025-26

1711. Smt. Pratima Mondal:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Budget for 2025-26 favours Bihar with multiple financial commitment disproportionately, if so, the manner in which the Government is ensuring equitable development across States;
- (b) the reasons for critical provisions like school breakfasts, milk for students and increased honorariums for Anganwadi workers are omitted in the Budget;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include these essential welfare measures as recommended by the Ministries of Education and Women & Child Development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a to d): The Union Budget 2025-26 was prepared based on development priorities and catering the needs of Stakeholders. As part of pre-budget consultations, suggestions were received from various Stakeholders such as State Governments, Ministries/Departments of Government of India, etc. Considering the suggestions, the allocations in the Union Budget 2025-26 have been made. The Budget allocation for various schemes under different Ministries/Departments is available in Expenditure Budget at https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/.