

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1786**  
**ANSWERED ON- 10.03.2025**

**Wages/Salaries to Cook/Staff under PM POSHAN Scheme**

†1786. Shri Parimal Suklabaidya:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has paid the wages/salaries given to the cooks and other staff working in preparation of food under Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme in Assam;
- (b) if not, whether the Government has any plans to make payment of such wages/salaries to these workers; and
- (c) whether there is any provision for making payment of wages/salary to the cooks and workers working under the scheme in other States, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Assam?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (c): PM POSHAN Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The overall responsibility for smooth functioning of the scheme including providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children as well as engagement of cook-cum-helpers (CCHs) lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. However, these CCHs are honorary workers who have come forward for rendering social services. As per guidelines of the Scheme, 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, including the State of Assam. The State Governments and UT Administrations have the liberty to enhance the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources and some of the State Governments and UT Administrations supplement the honorarium by providing additional funds. The State of Assam has reported that the honorarium to CCH is paid upto February, 2025 under PM POSHAN Scheme. The details of honorarium provided to CCHs under the PM POSHAN Scheme by the States and UTs including Assam are given at Annexure.

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**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1786 for 10.03.2025 asked by Hon'ble MP Shri Parimal Suklabaidya regarding Wages/Salaries to Cook/Staff under PM POSHAN Scheme.**

**Honorarium of Cook cum Helper per month**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Cooks-cum-Helpers - Honorarium Per Month (in Rs)</b>	<b>Additional Honorarium per month to cook-cum- helpers provided by the States/UTs (in Rs)</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	3000	2000
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2000	1000
3	Assam	1500	500
4	Bihar	1650	650
5	Chhattisgarh	2000	1000
6	Goa	1000	0
7	Gujarat	3250	2250
8	Haryana	7000	6000
9	Himachal Pradesh	4500	3500
10	Jharkhand	2000	1000
11	Karnataka	3700	2700
12	Kerala	12000	11000
13	Madhya Pradesh	4000	3000
14	Maharashtra	2500	1500
15	Manipur	1000	0
16	Meghalaya	2000	1000
17	Mizoram	1500	500
18	Nagaland	1000	0
19	Odisha	2000	1000
20	Punjab	3000	2000
21	Rajasthan	2003	1003
22	Sikkim	1000	0
23	Tamil Nadu	4100-12500	3100-11500
24	Telangana	3000	2000
25	Tripura	2500	1500
26	Uttar Pradesh	2000	1000
27	Uttarakhand	3000	2000
28	West Bengal	1500	500
29	A&N Islands	1000	0
30	Chandigarh	4500	3500
31	D&N and D & Diu	5544	4544
32	Delhi	1000	0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	1000	0
34	Ladakh	1000	0
35	Lakshadweep	18000-20200	17000-19200
36	Puducherry	10000	9000