

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3455
ANSWERED ON- 11.08.2025

Wages of Workers under PM Poshan Scheme

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is making payment of wages to the cooks and other attached staff working in the country especially in Assam under Pradhan Mantri Poshan Yojana (PM POSHAN);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to make any arrangement to pay wages/salary to these workers; and
- (d) whether there is any provision for payment of wages/salary to the cooks and workers working under the scheme in other States/UTs as well and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented in partnership with the States and UTs for providing one hot cooked and nutritious meal to all children studying in Bal Vatika (just before class-I) and classes I to VIII of Government and Government-aided schools. The Scheme covers about 11 crore children in more than 10.35 lakh schools in all the States/UTs. For FY 2025-26, budget allocation for the PM Poshan Scheme is Rs. 12,500 crore by Government of India and the State/ UT share as per the sharing pattern is around Rs. 7,500 crore including additional funds for Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers and Supplementary Nutrition items.

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 sharing pattern between Central Government and the State Government of Assam is 90:10. The State Governments and UT Administrations have the authority to enhance the honorarium by providing additional funds from their own resources and many State Governments and UT Administrations have supplemented the honorarium by providing additional funds. The State of Assam has reported that the honorarium to CCH is paid upto June, 2025 under PM POSHAN Scheme. The details of honorarium provided to CCHs under the PM POSHAN Scheme by the States and UTs including the State of Assam are given at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3455 FOR 11.08.2025 ASKED BY HON'BLE MP SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIDYA REGARDING WAGES OF WORKERS UNDER PM POSHAN SCHEME.

Honorarium of Cook cum Helper per month

S.No.	States/UTs	Cooks-cum-Helpers - Honorarium Per Month (in Rs)	Additional Honorarium per month to cook-cum-helpers provided by States/ UTs (in Rs)
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	3000	2000
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	3000	2000
18	Nagaland	1000	0
19	Odisha	2000	1000
20	Punjab	3000	2000
21	Rajasthan	2143	1143
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	2000	1000
29	A&N Islands	1000	0
30	Chandigarh	4500	3500
31	D&N and D & Diu	6461	5461
32	Delhi	1000	0
33	Jammu & Kashmir	1000	0
34	Ladakh	1000	0
35	Lakshadweep	18000-20200	18000-20200
36	Puducherry	10000	9000