

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1265**  
ANSWERED ON- 08/12/2025  
**Mid-Day Meal Scheme**

1265. Shri Anto Antony:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request/representation regarding introduction of Mid-day meal scheme for class 11th and 12th standard students in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has received any request from the State Government of Kerala in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to introduce Mid-day meal scheme for class 11th and 12th students in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): 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 Union Territories (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. The overall responsibility for providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations.

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