

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2585
ANSWERED ON- 09.03.2026

Budget on Mid-Day Meal Scheme

2585. Smt. Mala Roy:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of estimated budget, revised budget and actual budget expenditure on Mid-Day meal schemes during the last three years (FY-2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26);
- (b) whether fund for the said scheme has been increased in FY 2026-27, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of actual fund increased in terms of per child per day for 2026-27?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): 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 Administrations

The details of Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) & actual expenditure during the financial year (FY) 2023-24, 2024-25 & 2025-26 are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

FY	BE	RE	Actual Expenditure
2023-24	11600.00	10000.00	8457.74
2024-25	12467.39	10000.00	9902.99
2025-26	12500.00	10600.00	8128.92*
2026-27	12750.00		

*till 3rd March, 2026
