

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1355
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.05.2016**

Social Audit of Mid-Day Meal Scheme

1355. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to include class IX and X students under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme so as to encourage school attendance and reduce dropout rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the States have been conducting social audit of the Mid-Day Meal Scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government for using social audits for the better implementation of the Scheme?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. However, States like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Lakshadweep are providing mid day meals to the children of classes IX and X from their own resources.
- (c): Social audit of the Mid Day Meal Scheme has been conducted in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Nagaland.
- (d): The findings of the social audit are shared with the States functionaries in a public hearing in presence of all the stakeholders and community members and corrective measures are taken.
