

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2426  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.05.2016**

**Mid Day Meal Scheme in Drought-hit Areas**

2426. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:  
SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to serve Mid Day Meals to students everyday including official holidays in drought-hit areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to allocate additional funds in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise, especially in Uttar Pradesh?

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

(a) to (c): The Mid Day Meal Guidelines envisage serving of mid day meals in elementary schools during summer vacation in areas which are formally notified by the concerned State Governments as drought affected. The number of days on which meals are to be served during summer vacation are decided by the State Governments concerned. The Programme Approval Board of the Mid Day Meal Scheme has approved a programme for Rs.726.34 crore with Central assistance component of Rs. 468.89 crore in respect of drought affected areas of 9 States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Odisha, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh for the summer vacation of 2016.

Under the Mid Day Meal Scheme, an amount of Rs. 2215 crore has already been released to the States during April, 2016 as part of the first installment for the year 2016-17. In addition, an amount of Rs. 211.67 crore has been released to 8 States for serving mid day meals during summer vacation in drought affected areas. State-wise details are as under:

S.No.	States	No. of drought affected districts	No. of children proposed to be covered	Central assistance approved (Rs. in lakh)	Fund released under MDMS in 2016-17 so far (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Karnataka	27	2807388	5582.54	2791.27
2.	Madhya Pradesh	41	3614405	7515.09	3757.55
3.	Chhattisgarh	25	2581521	4058.65	2029.33
4.	Maharashtra	22	2294802	4615.60	2307.80
5.	Rajasthan	19	1562089	2371.53	1185.77
6.	Telangana	7	1101970	2122.27	1061.14
7.	Uttar Pradesh	50	6991813	13453.41	6726.71
8.	Andhra Pradesh	10	1319059	2615.47	1307.74
9.	Odisha*	27	2974079	4555.12	--
	<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>25247126</b>	<b>46889.68</b>	<b>21167.28</b>

\*approved on 4.5.2016

\*\*\*\*\*