

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:37

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MID DAY MEAL

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

- (a) whether the State Governments slackness in lifting the wheat and rice from FCI godowns has made the mid day mealscheme defunct;
- (b) whether the scheme has got struck mid-way, against an allotment of over 26 lakh quintal of grain for Uttar Pradesh, merely 6.25 lakh quintal was lifted from FCI godowns between April and November, 2000;
- (c) if so, the States where this scheme has been successful;
- (d) whether it has not achieved the purpose for which it was started;
- (e) whether any new guidelines in this regard have been worked out; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a), (b) and (c): There has been some instances of low lifting of food-grains among some States including Uttar Pradesh under the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-day Meals Scheme). Such States have been urged to take measures for improvement. The Scheme envisages distribution of a cooked meal/pre-cooked food. Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh (tribal blocks), Orissa, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry have a cooked meal programme. Ready-to-eat food is being distributed in Delhi.

(d): No, Sir. A nevaluation study to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the programme in 10 States viz. Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, & West Bengal has been undertaken by an independent agency called Operations Research Group, New Delhi. The findings of the Report states that while the programme has given boost to enrolment in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal; in 6 other States it has had positive impact on attendance and retention.

(e) and (f): No, Sir.