

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MID-DAY MEALS TO POOR AND DESTITUTES THROUGH SMALL NGOS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have introduced any scheme for distributing Mid- day meals to the poor and destitutes through small NGOs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the main objectives thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Government is implementing schemes namely `An Integrated Programme for Street Children` and `Grant-In-aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of Scheduled Castes`. Under these schemes grant-in-aid is given to NGOs for providing a shelf of services which inter-alia include support for nutrition/mid-day meals to the poor, destitutes and neglected Street Children and students of non-residential school of Scheduled Castes. The main objectives of these Schemes are providing of shelter, nutrition, health care, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, recreational facilities, protection, improvement of educational and socio- economic conditions of the target group against abuse and exploitation to poor and destitutes.

(c) Does not arise.