

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

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MID-DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the deficiencies in the implementation of Mid-day meal scheme in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to bring about improvements in the implementation of the Mid-day meal scheme? .

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a)&(b): As per available information, States/UTs, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhatisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, A&N Islands, D&N Haveli, Daman & Diu & Pondicherry are providing meals across the respective States/UTs. Haryana is implementing a meal programme in 6 blocks, Goa in 1 block, Madhya Pradesh across the state except 23 blocks, Mizoram in 546 schools, Orissa in rural areas of Bolangir, Kalahandi, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nawapara, Nawarangpur, Rayagada, Sonapur & Boudh districts and in Integrated Tribal Development Authority (ITDA) blocks, Punjab in 17 blocks, Uttaranchal in 26 blocks, West Bengal in 1100 schools and Delhi in MCD Schools. In Chandigarh ready to eat food is being distributed. Other States/UTs are distributing foodgrains under the scheme.

(c) The Government has been constantly urging the States/UTs not providing cooked meals, to implement the cooked meal programme.