

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

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MID DAY MEAL

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

- (a) whether some States have sought for Central assistance to continue Mid Day Meal and allocation of more funds to provide cooked meal under the scheme;
- (b) if so, the names of such States and the assistance sought by them; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) : Under the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meals Scheme), food-grains are made available free of cost to States/UTs through the Food-Corporation of India (FCI). Transportation cost for movement of food-grains from the nearest FCI Depot to the schools is also reimbursed to the district authorities/lifting agencies at the rate of the actual cost, subject to a maximum of Rs.50 per quintal. The conversion cost of food-grains into cooked meals is met by the concerned State/UT. Therefore, no funds are allocated to States/UTs under the Scheme.