

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether food processing industry with support from the Ministry of Food Processing Industry has urged the Ministry of Human Resource Development to allow them to provide ready to eat meals as a part of the Government's Mid-day Meal Scheme introduced in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Ministry of HRD thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (c): A suggestion in this regard was received from the Confederation of Indian Industry as part of the proposals to give boost to processed food industry and upgrade the quality and nutritive value of food served under the mid-day meal programme. This is being examined in consultation with the concerned Ministries.