

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

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INVOLVEMENT OF MOTHERS IN MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has asked the State Governments for mass mobilization of mothers in regard to mid-day meal scheme; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of each State in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Though the overall responsibility to ensure all logistic and administrative arrangements for regular serving of wholesome, cooked mid day meal in every eligible school, EGS/AIE Centers lies with the State Government/UT Administration, the Central Government had issued an advisory to States in December, 2005 to involve mothers of the school children to oversee and supervise the feeding of the children. In the Guidelines of Mid Day Meal Programmed issued in 2006, States have also been advised to solicit the support of the community members, including mothers' groups to ensure that children wash their hands with soap before eating, use clean plates and glasses, avoid littering and wastage of food, and clean their plates, rinse their hands and mouth after eating etc. No difficulty in implementing the above advisory has been reported by any State/UT.