

**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) the number of States that have implemented mid-day-meal scheme with proper calories protein and fat;
- (b) the number of schools running in habitable conditions and having proper kitchen facilities for cooking meal; and
- (c) the reasons as to why the Government is not planning for pre-cooked food/ready to eat meal instead of cooked food?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a)&(b): Information is being collected.

(c): On the whole, cooked mid-day meal, when prepared with due regard to hygiene, wholesomeness and variety, has distinct advantages over pre-cooked/ready-to-eat meal.