

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

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

- (a) whether the funds under Central schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal are utilized in Gujarat for Government supported institutions only;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Union Government to cover the un-aided schools in Gujarat ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) The funds under Central schemes like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal are utilized for the children studying in primary and upper primary schools in Government, Local Body and Government Aided Schools, as well as Centres run under the Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS), Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) and Madarasas/Maktabs supported under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. This has improved retention rate and reduced drop-out rate. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to cover un-aided schools in Gujarat.