

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6392  
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR MID DAY MEAL SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the funds released by the Union Government under the Mid-Day Meal scheme to Punjab during each of the last three years and the numbers of children covered thereunder;
- (b) whether the entire amount allocated was utilised and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any additional amount has been demanded by the Punjab Government for the current year; and
- (d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The details of the funds released by the Union Government as well as utilization of funds by the Punjab Government and the number of children covered under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) during the last three years are as under:

Year	Average number of children covered	Central Assistance (Rs. in lakhs)	Utilization (Rs. in lakhs)
2007-08	13,00,279	6020.48	4888.82
(Primary stage only)			
2008-09	19,22,323	7954.59	6328.89
(Primary & Upper Primary)			
2009-10	18,55,840	7262.26	4985.21
(as on 31.12.2009)			
(Primary & Upper Primary)			

Under the MDMS funds are allocated based on the number of children and number of days approved by the Mid-Day Meal – Programme Approval Board keeping in view the number of children covered and number of days on which MDM was served during the previous year. However, the utilization of funds depends upon the actual number of children availed MDM and actual number of days on which MDM was served during that year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d): In view of (c) above, question does not arise.