

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

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

- (a) whether there is a proposal to involve Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the preparation of Mid-Day Meal in the schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated to Punjab under the said scheme; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Under the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) guidelines the responsibility of cooking mid day meal may be assigned by the State/UT governments to Voluntary Organisations (NGOs) fulfilling the conditions laid down under the guidelines.

(b) & (c): The Government of Punjab has reported that they have engaged 2 Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) viz. Stree Shakti and IND CARE in 3 districts viz. Ferozepur, Tarn Taran and Nawanshahar to provide mid day meal to 139317 children through Centralized kitchens in 2250 schools on pilot basis. The Central Government does not allocate funds directly to NGOs or earmark funds for their use. It is for the State Government to engage NGOs for cooking meal and make payments to them. For implementation of Mid Day Meal programme during 2010-11 for the State of Punjab, Rs.16,529.45 lakh has been allocated as Central Assistance of which Rs. 4132.36 lakh has been released to the State government.