

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1750

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MDMS UNDER FOOD SECURITY BILL

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to include the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), a part of the proposed National Food Security Bill;
- (b) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has estimated the funds required annually for the extension of MDMS till class X; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the funds would be arranged?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Department of Food & Public Distribution had invited the views of the Department of School Education & Literacy for including the Mid Day Meal Scheme in the proposed National Food Security Law. This Department replied in the affirmative as it would ensure better commitment from all participants in implementation of the Scheme.
- (c): The requirement of funds for extending the Mid-Day Meal Scheme to the students of class IX and X has been estimated at Rs.772.96 crore.
- (d): No decision about the extension has been taken so far, so the question does not arise.