

**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) whether 11 suppliers are catering to 1,795 Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) schools covering 9,67,594 students under Mid Day Meal Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria for engaging suppliers and arrangements made to check quality of food supplied by them; and
- (d) the number of students fell ill after consuming Mid Day Meals in Delhi during the last three years and died during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the information received from Delhi Government, presently eight services providers/voluntary organization are providing cooked food from their 10 semi automatic kitchens to 1779 municipal corporation schools covering 997981 students and 44 municipal corporation aided schools covering 12450 students.

(c): The criteria of selection of the service provider/voluntary organization was:

- (i) It should be a body registered under the Societies Registration Act or the Public Trust Act.
- (ii) It should have been in existence for a minimum period of two years.
- (iii) It should have at least two years past experience in the field of food/nutrition.
- (iv) It should have financial capability to establish semi automated kitchen and serve children for at least 45 days.
- (v) It should have space (Minimum Plotted Area 1000 sq yards) for establishing semi automated kitchen.

In order to ensure good quality of food, it is checked first at the kitchen by the Service Providers and secondly at school level by a committee constituted for this purpose. Apart from this, samples of the cooked food are drawn regularly and get tested from Shri Ram Institute for Industrial Research, Delhi.

(d): During the last three years i.e. 01-04-2007 to 31-03-2010, 211 children fell ill in Delhi after consuming mid day meal and none has died.