

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2983
ANSWERED ON:11.08.2010
NATIONAL LEVEL COMMITTEE FOR MDMS
Patel Shri R.K. Singh

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a National Level Committee to examine extension of Mid Day Meal Scheme to cover students studying in privately managed unaided schools in tribal areas including unaided minority institutions in the country;
- (b) if so, the terms and reference of said Committee;
- (c) whether the said Committee has completed their study and submitted its report; and
- (d) if so, the details of recommendations made therein and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The terms of reference of the Committee are as under:

(i) to examine the suggestions with regard to coverage of Mid Day Meal Scheme to students studying in privately managed unaided schools with focus on Tribal areas and minorities;

(ii) to estimate financial and other implications of such coverage/extension; and

(iii) to ascertain whether State Governments/ UT Administrations are agreeable to the extension of MDM Scheme to privately managed unaided recognized schools and share the cost.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): The question does not arise.