

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:407
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ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS UNDER MDMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the additional allocations made to each State/UT during the current financial year, if any, under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in view of the increase in the prices of essential commodities;
- (b) whether it is proposed to cover the students of the senior secondary schools under this scheme in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the approximate cost of meals served under the scheme; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure balanced nutritional content in the food served to the students under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 407 for 25.08.2010 by Shri Ganesh Singh and Prof. (Dr.) Ranjan Prasad Yadav regarding Additional Allocations Under MDMS.

(a): In order to offset the impact of price rise, the Government enhanced the cooking cost of Mid Day Meal from Rs. 2.50 per child per day to Rs. 2.69 at primary stage and from Rs.3.75 to Rs. 4.03 at upper primary stage with effect from 1.4.2010. This includes cost of pulses, vegetables, oils, condiments and fuel.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): The approximate cost of a mid-day meal comes to Rs. 3.30 per child per day at primary stage and Rs. 4.95 at upper primary stage. This includes the cooking cost as well as the cost of food grains at Below Poverty Line rates and the transportation of food grains. The cost of food grains and its transportation are borne entirely by the Central Government.

(e): The Government has issued detailed guidelines for effective implementation, supervision and monitoring of the Scheme at all levels to ensure that children at primary stage get 450 calories and 12 grams of protein and children at upper primary stage get 700 calories and 20 grams of protein.