

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4748
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LACK OF NUTRIENTS IN MDMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some experts feel that the mid day meal does not provide adequate nutrients to children in single meal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to spread it over two meals to provide nutrition to children properly;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the views of the experts,NGOs and the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In consultation with nutritional experts, 450 calories and 12 grams of protein at primary stage and 700 calories and 20 grams of protein at upper primary stage is provided through hot cooked meal under the Mid Day Meal Scheme.This is adequate from the point of view of nutritional value as well as the consumption ability of children of this age group.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.