

**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 a Central Team recently reviewed/inspected the working of Mid-Day Meal Scheme, in various districts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the findings of the central team;
- (c) the follow-up action taken thereon; and
- (d) the other measures taken to improve the functioning of the scheme in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Central team visited two districts of Andhra Pradesh viz. Chittoor and Vishakhapatnam during 23rd August to 1st September, 2010.

(b): On the basis of inspection, the Central team has made the following recommendations to the State Government:

- i) Strengthening of monitoring and evaluation system.
- ii) Timely payment of transportation cost.
- iii) Engagement of cook-cum-helpers as per the prescribed norm of Government of India.
- iv) Construction of kitchen-cum-stores.
- v) Study on food norms in Integrated Tribal Development Agency Area.
- vi) Training to officials at different levels.
- vii) Convergence with other Departments.
- viii) Coordination with concerned departments; and
- ix) Set up of grievance redressal mechanism in the State.

(c) & (d): The recommendations have been brought to the notice of the State Govt. for taking remedial action.