

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

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PHALGUNA SAKA MID DAY MEAL SCHEME  
Thakor Shri Jagdish

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

- (a) whether any central team has reviewed/inspected the mid- day meal scheme in various districts of Gujarat recently;
- (b) if so, the findings of the central team;
- (c) the follow up action taken in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the other measures taken for improving the functioning of the said scheme in the State?

**Answer**

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

(a):Yes, Sir.

(b):The Review Mission has recommended narrowing the gap between the children attending school and actual number of children availing Mid Day Meals (MDM); filling of vacant posts; creation of separate MDM Cells at State, District and Taluka levels. The Mission also recommended fixing of monthly targets for inspection of schools, encouraging community participation in monitoring the scheme, utilizing funds provided for management, monitoring and evaluation of the scheme and setting up of a grievance redressal mechanism. It also recommended delivering foodgrains (rice) at school level, to pay full unit cost to centralized kitchens and serving vegetables as per norms in the meals.

(c):Suitable directions have been given by the State Government to the district level officials to implement the recommendations. The State Government have also formed the State level Monitoring Committee to monitor the execution of mid day meal scheme under the supervision of Chief Secretary.

(d):Besides Review Missions, the implementation of the Scheme in the State is also monitored through Quarterly Progress Reports, National level Steering cum Monitoring Committee meetings, and discussions with State Government officers in the meetings of Programme Approval Board for Mid Day Meal every year. In addition independent monitoring institutes evaluate the Scheme at regular intervals.