

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

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CHANGES IN MID DAY MEAL SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to supplement the Mid-Day- Meal Scheme (MDMS) with vegetables and eggs so as to improve the nutrient content;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to change the present funding pattern between Union and State Governments for the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether cases of pilferage have been reported beneath the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard by the Government?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f): During the last 5 years (2006-2010), 19 cases of pilferage of foodgrains/misappropriation of funds have come to the notice of the Government. All such cases were referred to the concerned States for investigation and appropriate remedial action to avoid recurrence in future. The State Governments have lodged FIR, initiated disciplinary action against concerned persons, terminated contracts of concerned NGOs. In one case court has ordered imprisonment and services of staff have been terminated.

In order to avoid pilferage of foodgrains, kitchen sheds have been sanctioned under the scheme to ensure grains are stored hygienically in the school itself. The scheme is monitored at the school, block, district, State and National levels. The scheme is constantly reviewed through Quarterly Progress Reports; in the National level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee meetings and during Programme Approval Board meetings as well as through the Central Review Missions. In addition, independent monitoring institutes evaluate the Scheme at regular intervals.