

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

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

(a) whether the Union Government has received references from time to time from the State Government of Punjab to approve, sanction and release balance amount of kitchen sheds under Mid-Day Meal Scheme as per the revised norms; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Central Government have released Rs.11067 lacs to Government of Punjab for constructing 18445 kitchen sheds during 2006-09. However, the State Government of Punjab has not constructed 6518 (35%) of the kitchen sheds sanctioned to them, so far. Now, the Government of Punjab has asked for additional Central Assistance of Rs.15000 per unit to complete the kitchen sheds. The State Government has been advised to complete the incomplete sheds from their own funds.