

**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) the status of Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in Punjab;
- (b) the total number of schools where the Scheme is being implemented in Punjab;
- (c) the quantity of food/meal provided to each student per day and the cost incurred thereon;
- (d) the total number of cooks employed in Punjab for the purpose of implementing the scheme; and
- (e) the total number of students benefiting from the Scheme in Punjab?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (e): The Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in Punjab covers 18,32,506 students in 21,242 institutions. A sum of Rs. 175/- crores was allocated by the Central Government to Punjab for this Scheme during 2010-11.

(c): The daily per child entitlement is as under:

S. No.	Items	Quantity Per Day	
		Primary	Upper Primary
1.	Food grains	100 gm	150 gm
2.	Pulses	20 gm	30 gm
3.	Vegetables (leafy also)	50 gm	75 gm
4.	Oil & fat	5 gm	7.5 gm
5.	Salt & Condiments	As per need	As per need

The cooking cost per child per day is Rs. 2.89 and Rs. 4.33 for primary and upper primary levels respectively. The cooking cost includes cost of pulses, vegetables, oil & fat and salt & condiments; the foodgrains are provided free of cost by the Central Government.

(d): The State Government of Punjab has engaged 49,490 cook- cum-helpers for MDMS.