

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2616
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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 the Government has fixed the quantity of pulses, edible oil and vegetables to be included in food under mid day meal per day per child basis and also decided the cost of these items at national level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to let the States decide the cost of various items as per prevailing rates in various States and meet some part of the actual expenditure incurred by the States on the items included in cooking cost;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to review the cooking cost norms more frequently, if not, on quarterly basis; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The following quantities of various ingredients have been prescribed under Mid Day Meal Scheme:

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.

(c) & (d): The various ingredients like pulses, vegetables, oil & fat are purchased at local levels at prevailing rates by the State Governments. The Central Government contributes 90% of the cost for North-Eastern Region States and 75% for others.

(e) & (f): The cooking cost has been revised by 7.5% in each of the last 2 years. The matter regarding linking the cooking cost to the price index (covering items in the Mid Day Meals basket) has been included in the terms of reference of the Sub Group on Mid Day Meal Scheme for the Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17).