

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1708  
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USING LPG FOR MID DAY MEAL SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether at most of the centres of mid day meal, fuel wood is used as the main fuel for cooking;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to assist the State Governments in using LPG and other fuels for cooking at all the centres; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In 78% schools across the country, mid day meal is cooked with fuels other than gas.
- (c) & (d): A one time Central assistance @ Rs. 5000/- per school is provided for provisioning of cooking devices stove, chulha, containers for storage of foodgrains and other ingredients and utensils for cooking and serving. In addition, LPG cylinders for cooking in schools are provided at domestic rates.