

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

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FUNDS FOR MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested for a compensation of Rs. 6.18 crore towards cooking cost to Himachal Pradesh on the lines of central assistance being provided to North-Eastern States for cooking food under the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be sanctioned?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. As per Mid Day Meal Guidelines, the fund sharing pattern between the Central Govt. and States / UTs is in the ratio of 75:25 for non North-Eastern Region (NER) States and 90:10 for NER States. At present, there is no provision for providing Central assistance towards cooking cost to Himachal Pradesh at par with the NER States. However, in view of the difficult terrain in Himachal Pradesh, the transport assistance for transporting foodgrains from Public Distribution System (PDS) shops to schools is now provided at PDS rate which is an arrangement akin to that prevailing in NER States.