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INVOLVEMENT OF NGOS IN MDMS

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to involve NGOs in the preparation and distribution of Mid-Day-Meal in schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this direction, State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated to each State including Karnataka under the said scheme over the last three years;
- (d) whether some NGOs/Organizations have been identified under the said scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Mid-Day-Meal Guidelines provide that, as far as possible, the responsibility of cooking/supply of cooked midday meal should be assigned to local women's/mothers' Self-Help Group or local Youth Club affiliated to the Nehru Yuvak Kendras or voluntary organization or by personnel engaged directly by the VEC/SMDC/PTA/Gram Panchayat/Municipality. In urban areas, where there is shortage of space for construction of the kitchen shed, use of centralized kitchen for a cluster of schools may be explored. Cooking may be undertaken in a centralized kitchen and cooked hot meal may then be transported under hygienic conditions through a reliable transport system to various schools.

As per information available, details of major NGOs serving MDM in various States/UTs are given in Annexure-I.

No separate funds are allocated to NGOs for this purpose. The States/UTs can however, make such arrangements within their overall allocation for MDMS. Details of funds allocated to States/UTs during last three years for MDMS are given in Annexure-II.