

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4221  
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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 percentage of Central and State share to the expenses incurred on the Mid Day Meal Scheme being run in the States;
- (b) whether any quantity has been prescribed for various ingredients including pulses, edible oil and vegetables to be included in food under mid day meal per day per child basis and also cost of these items at national/State levels and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of differential cost norms as compared to the prevailing market price in various States and also quantitative obligations;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to permit the States to work out the cost of various items as per prevailing rates in various States and also meet 75% of the actual expenditure incurred by the States on the items included in cooking cost and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, whether the Government proposes to review the cooking cost norms on quarterly basis in view of rise in cost and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): The cost of cooking mid day meals, construction of kitchen-cum-stores and honorarium to cook-cum-helpers are shared between the Centre and the NER States on 90:10 basis and with other States /UTs on 75:25 basis. Food grains, Transportation charges, Monitoring, Management and Evaluation (MME) costs and kitchen devices are provided exclusively by Government of India.

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

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

Food grains are supplied by Central Government to the States/UTs free of cost through Food Corporation of India. The cost of other ingredients such as pulses, vegetables, oil and salt is included in the cooking cost, which is Rs. 2.89 for Primary and Rs.4.33 for Upper Primary children.

(c) to (e): In view of different market prices prevailing in different States/UTs for pulses, vegetables, oil, salt, the cooking cost has been fixed uniformly for all States/UTs. To counteract the effect of rise in cost the cooking cost has been enhanced by 7.5% in each of the last two years. There is no proposal for reviewing the cooking cost on a quarterly basis.