

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

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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, 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 STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a)& (b): In 68% schools across the country, the mid day meal is cooked with fuels other than gas.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of HRD is already providing 75% of the cooking cost to all States/UTs. The fuel cost is a part of the cooking cost. The Ministry has also requested all States/UTs to supply the mid day meal in an uninterrupted manner without effecting the nutrition of the eligible children, despite discontinuation of supply of subsidized LPG cylinders to the Mid Day Meal Scheme by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The additional burden on account of withdrawal of subsidy on LPG cylinders would be reimbursed to States/UTs.