

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

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IRREGULARITIES IN MDMS

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

- (a) the number of cases of alleged irregularities/corruption detected/reported under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) during the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise;
- (b) the details of the monitoring mechanism at the district and State levels to ensure effective implementation of MDMS;
- (c) whether the said mechanism has not been effective in detecting the corruption and irregularities in MDMS;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the remedial steps taken in this regard;
- (e) whether the suggestions have been received by the Government from various quarters including from the States for grant of cash in lieu of mid day meal to the children and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) : The information is at Annexure.
- (b): For effective implementation of the scheme, there is an extensive monitoring mechanism at the school, block, district, state and national levels. The scheme is constantly reviewed through Quarterly Progress Reports, in the national level Steering cum Monitoring Committee meetings and during Programme Approval Board meetings. In addition the Central Review Missions visit the states for an on-the-spot assessment and independent monitoring institutes evaluate the Scheme at regular intervals.
- (c) & (d) The corruption and irregularities detected by these agencies are brought to the notice of State Governments / Union Territories for inquiry / action taken report as the case may be. The Monitoring Mechanism is being further strengthened with Web-enabled Management Information System with Interactive Voice Response System for monitoring of Mid Day Meal Scheme on real time basis.
- (e): No Sir.