

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

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

- (a) whether Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) is developing a package design for distribution of mid-day meals to school children in various States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the IIP is also making research in package of food items suitable for Indian climatic conditions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Supreme Court directions mandate the serving of hot cooked meals only, under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. The Government is therefore not contemplating serving packaged meals.

(c)to(e): Yes, Sir. The Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) has been conducting research on the packaging of food items both for domestic and for export markets for Processed foods; Fresh fruits and vegetables; Spices; Cashew kernels; Meat and Meat products; Tea; Coconut products; Edible oil; Indian sweets; and snack foods.