

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF MDMS

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

- (a) the various types of schools in the country where Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is being implemented at present;
- (b) whether the Government provide meal to children studying in Class I-VIII in various educational schools/centres supported under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan under MDMS;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the details of targets fixed by the Government under MDMS for 2011-12 and 2012-13 and the extent to which such targets has been achieved during the said period;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to extend the scheme in private unaided schools located in the SC, ST and Minority concentration districts in various States; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard and the details of action taken for identification of such so far;
- (g) the details of additional expenditure likely to be increased for implementation of MDMS after inclusion of such schools;
- (h) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters for Conditional Cash Transfers (CCTs) under MDMS for the benefit of the children of the economically weaker sections of the society including those living below poverty line;and
- (i) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to(d) The Mid-Day Meal Scheme covers children of classes I-VIII studying in Government, Local Body, Government aided and National Child Labour Project schools and the centres run under the Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) /Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) centres including Madarsas/Maktabs supported under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).The details of children approved for coverage and average number of children covered during 2011-12 and 2012-13 are as under:

Children	2011-12	2012-13
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Approved number of children (in crore)	11.07	10.96
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Average number of Children covered (in Cr.)	10.54	10.43
Primary and Upper Primary combined		

(e) to (g) The Planning Commission has now agreed to extend the Mid-Day Meal Scheme to the children in private unaided schools in Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe and minority concentration districts. The additional expenditure on the coverage of these schools has been estimated at Rs.1949 Crore.

(h) & (i) There is no proposal for Conditional Cash Transfer under the Mid Day Meal Scheme. The Government intends to continue to serve hot cooked meals under the Scheme as per the directions of the Supreme Court.