

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

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MID DAY MEAL SCHEME

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

- (a) whether due to rise in cost of LPG cylinders and diesel prices, mid day meal programme is likely to be hit hard;
- (b) if so, whether some State Governments have asked for more allocation under the scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with the oil companies to supply subsidized cylinders for the mid day meal scheme;
- (e) if so, the response of the oil companies thereto;and
- (f) the likely cost escalation in mid day meal scheme due to rise in LPG prices?

Answer

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

- (a) No Madam. The States/UTs have been advised to implement the Mid Day Meal Scheme in an uninterrupted manner, without affecting the nutrition of the eligible children.
- (b)&(c) States like Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Haryana and Maharashtra have asked for additional funds for LPG cylinders on account of the withdrawal of subsidy.
- (d)& (e): The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas to supply subsidized LPG cylinders under the Mid Day Meal Scheme. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has advised that the additional burden could be compensated by the Ministry of HRD through the existing budgetary provisions of the Mid Day Meal Scheme.
- (f) The additional burden on the Mid Day Meal scheme, due to the withdrawal of subsidy on LPG cylinders, for six months of the year 2012-13, is Rs.752 Crores.