

**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) the existing funding pattern between the States and the Centre under Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);
- (b) the number of schools along with the number of children benefited by the MDMS during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) whether enrolment in schools has increased after introduction of this scheme;
- (d) if so, the details of such increase during the said period, year-wise and Statewise;
- (e) the funds allocated/utilised under the said scheme during the above period, Statewise/year-wise;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to expand MDMS to the secondary level and if so, the details thereof; (g) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; (h) whether the Government proposes to reimburse the amounts to States including Gujarat which has spent more than its share under the scheme; and (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The expenditure under the Mid Day Meal Scheme on foodgrains, transportation, Management Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) and kitchen devices is borne in full by the Central Government. The cost of cooking, payment of honorarium to the cook-cum-helpers, and construction of kitchen-cum-stores is shared between the Central Government and the North Eastern Region States on a 90:10 basis and other States/UTs on a 75:25 basis.
- (b): The number of schools and the number of children benefitted by the MDMS during the last three years and current year, State-wise are at Annexure-I.
- (c) & (d): The enrolment of students in schools depends on several interventions of the Government in the field of education, health and nutrition and also on economic development, demographic changes, expansion of the private sector in elementary education etc.
- (e): The details of funds released and utilized under the Mid Day Meal Scheme during the last three years and the current year, state-wise are at Annexure-II.
- (f) & (g): The Planning Commission has not approved the proposal to extend the Mid Day Meal Scheme to the secondary level.
- (h) &
- (i): During the year 2012-13, the Central Government has released central assistance to Gujarat as per the entitlement of the State Government.