

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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are constraints in implementation of the Government schemes such as Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDMS) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether funds allocated for the same are effectively and fully utilised; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): There are no constraints in implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), the Mid-Day-Meal (MDM) and the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) Schemes at the central level. However, the main bottlenecks in implementing the MDM scheme at the State/district level are the delay in release of funds at various levels by the States/UTs, the occasional lack of quality, hygiene and safety standards, less coverage of beneficiaries against enrolment, delay in payment of honorarium to cooks-cum-helpers and poor monitoring by the State Government concerned.

The funds allocated for these schemes are being utilized effectively. In 2012-13, against the central budgetary outlay, the utilisation was 99.93% in the SSA, 99.99% in the RMSA and 94.50% in the MDM programmes. Regular monitoring of releases and scheme implementation is being done to ensure the effective utilization of funds.