

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WORKING OF IVRS IN MDMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schools and children covered by the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);
- (b) whether the Government proposes to monitor the scheme through Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) on daily basis;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which IVRS will monitor the scheme;
- (d) the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The Mid Day Meal Scheme covers 10.68 crore children in 12.12 lakh schools in the country.
- (b) & (c): The Ministry has launched a web enabled Management Information System for the monitoring of the Mid Day Meal Scheme. The annual and monthly data on key indicators of the Scheme are available in the MDM-MIS. There is scope for integration MDM-MIS with IVRS for real time monitoring of the Scheme through community the participation. The salient features of the present MDM-MIS are as under:
 - i. Availability of School wise data on the enrolment of children, the number of children who availed MDM, utilization of food grains, utilization of funds etc.
 - ii. Category wise of engagement of cook-cum-helpers in the school and their payment of honorarium.
 - iii. Availability of infrastructure namely kitchen-cum-store and kitchen devices in school.
 - iv. Availability of drinking water facility and toilets
 - v. Mode of cooking
 - vi. Auto submission of Quarterly Progress Reports.
 - vii. Auto generation of Annual Work Plan and Budget for the State based on the performance of the Scheme in the previous year
 - viii. Generation of exception reports
- (d) & (e): The Mid Day Meal Scheme provides 2% of the total recurring Central Assistance (about Rs. 246 crore) for the Management, Monitoring and Evaluation of the Scheme. Of this amount, 1.8% is released to the States and 0.2% kept at the Centre to meet the expenditure at the national level. The MDM-MIS expenses are met out of this provision.