

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

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NON UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR MDMS

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

- (a) the details of funds sanctioned and released to the States under the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total expenditure made by the States during the above period;
- (c) whether some States could not utilise the central allocations fully and returned the unutilised amount;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The information has been provided in the Annexure.

(b): The total expenditure made by States/UTs during last three years is Rs. 2721936 lakh against the release of Rs. 2987340 lakh, which is 91% of the released funds.

(c) & (d): The State-wise and year-wise percentage expenditure is given at the Annexure.

(e): The Central Government releases the funds to the States/UTs in the 1st fortnight of the April month without asking any information from the States/UTs. The unspent balance of the funds of the previous year are adjusted and revalidated to the States/UTs to utilize during the current year. A part of the unspent funds is required to run the scheme during the first two month of next financial year, till the funds are released by the Central Government and they reach the districts. The component wise savings are discussed with the State Governments during the Programme Approval Board meetings with the States, in the bi-annual review meeting with the Education Secretaries of the States Governments as well as during the State Level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee meetings. The State level expenditure during a particular year forms a basis for release of funds in the following year; the Central assistance in a particular year is released only after adjusting the unspent balance of the previous year.