

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIEW OF MDMS/SSA

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

(a) whether the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day Meal Programmes were reviewed on 22.9.2006 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether suggestions and recommendations were made for smooth functioning of the above-mentioned programmes in the aforesaid meeting;and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement these suggestions and recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Hon'ble Prime Minister reviewed the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal Programme (MDM) on 22.9.2006, wherein issues relating interalia to curriculum reform, including Science and Maths teaching, sharing of best practices developing synergy and consensus on SSA & MDM and ranking of States to instilling a spirit of competition among States to achieve the goals of universal elementary education were discussed.

The steps taken on the above suggestion include changing of SSA norms to provide for Science and Math teachers at upper primary level w.e.f.1.4.2008. In the quarterly review meetings held with States, best practices of various States are shared as matter of general practice. In the National Development Council (NDC) meeting held on 9.12.2006, the issues relating to improving access to elementary education, quality of education and strengthening of MDM programme were highlighted. National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) has started bringing out ranking of States under Educational Development Index under District Information System from 2005-06.