

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has ranked the implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in the States on the basis of its functioning and various other criteria;
- (b) If so the details of the criteria fixed;
- (c) The details of ranking accorded to various states;
- (d) whether the Government is formulating any scheme for improvement in the MDMS keeping in view the said ranking; and
- (e) If so the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The work of the States in implementing the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is reviewed on the basis of their performance in the coverage of children against enrolment, under MDMS; utilization of foodgrains as well as cooking cost (pulses, vegetables, oils and fuel); effectiveness of monitoring and supervision as well as the provision of infrastructure such as kitchen-cum-stores, drinking water and toilets and convergence with the health department.

This pilot exercise has been initiated for the assessment of the work of the States in the implementation of the MDMS and its refinement. The indicative rankings have been communicated to the States, to help the States to identify the areas in which they need to improve, to enhance the overall effectiveness of the MDMS.