

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

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ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR MDMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether administrative grant has been raised from 1.8 per cent to 3 per cent for management, monitoring and evaluation of the mid-day meal programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Government proposes to allocate additional fund to streamline the mid-day meal programme?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : As per the existing MDM guidelines, recurring central assistance is provided to the States/UTs for Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (MME) under the MidDay Meal Scheme @1.8% of the total recurring central assistance towards the cost of food grains, cooking cost, honorarium to cook-cum-helpers and transport assistance. In smaller States/UTs viz. Goa, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep and Puducherry, Central Assistance for MME is provided @ 30 lakh for each district. There is no decision at this stage to allocate additional funds to the Mid Day Meal Programme other than an annual increase of 7.5% of funds for cooking cost, which has been given in each of the last four years.