

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1123
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MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any quantity has been prescribed for various ingredients including pulses, edible oil and vegetables to be included in food under the mid day meal per day per child basis and also cost is decided by the Government for these items at National/State levels and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to permit the States to work out the cost of various items as per prevailing rates and also meet 75% of the actual expenditure incurred by the States on the items included in cooking cost and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to review the cooking cost norms on quarterly basis and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The following quantities of various ingredients have been prescribed under the Mid Day Meal Scheme:

S. No.	Items	Quantity Per Day	
		Primary	Upper Primary
1.	Food grains	100 gm	150 gm
2.	Pulses	20 gm	30 gm
3.	Vegetables (leafy also)	50 gm	75 gm
4.	Oil & fat	5 gm	7.5 gm
5.	Salt & Condiments	As per need	As per need

Food grains are supplied by the Central Government to the States/UTs free of cost through the Food Corporation of India. The cost of other ingredients such as pulses, vegetables, oil and salt is included in the cooking cost, which is Rs. 3.34 per head for the Primary and Rs.5.00 per head for the Upper Primary students.

(b) & (c): In view of different market prices prevailing in different States/UTs for pulses, vegetables, oil, salt, the cooking cost has been fixed uniformly for all States/UTs. To counteract the effect of rise in cost, the cooking cost has been enhanced by 7.5% in each of the last four years. There is no proposal for reviewing the cooking cost on a quarterly basis.