GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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

(a) whether the Government has extended the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) in private unaided schools located in the Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Minority concentrated districts in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken for identification of such districts;

(c) the current status of the scheme in terms of number of private unaided schools covered and children being served mid-day meal, State- wise along with the expenditure incurred thereon;

(d) the details of methodology by which calorie intake and nutritional intake by the children is monitored;

(e) the details of the methods by which quality is ensured in the cooked meals; and

(f) whether the Government has faced any leakages in delivery mechanism of the scheme and the manner in which these leakages have been plugged and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) : No Madam.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): The MDM Scheme provides for 450 calories and 12 gram protein for Primary children and 700 calories and 20 gram protein for Upper Primary children. The States/UTs have been advised to engage accredited lab for testing of the meals. MDM Guidelines stipulate procurement of Agmark quality ingredients by the States / UTs. The foodgrains of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) is supplied by Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the States / UTs after joint inspection by the representatives of State and FCI.

(f): 47 complaints of irregularities have been received during 2012-15. The Scheme is monitored by State functionaries on regular basis and also through web enabled MIS system to ensure smooth implementation of the Scheme. Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have started real time monitoring system of the Scheme by Interactive Voice Response System integrated with Management Information System.