

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

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REVAMPING MID DAY MEAL SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the mid-day meal scheme is run by a large number of underpaid and untrained workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to improve the remuneration and impart proper training to these workers;
- (c) whether the mid-day meal scheme is being revamped; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b):The States/UTs have engaged 25.70 lakh cook-cum-helpers across the country under the Mid Day Meal scheme. The honorarium to cook-cum-helpers has been revised upward to Rs.1000/- per month for 10 months in a year, w.e.f. 01.12.2009. The expenditure towards the honorarium of cook-cu-helpers is shared between the Centre and NER States on 90:10 basis and with other States/UTs on 75:25 basis. The States/UTs are free to contribute more than their mandated share towards the honorarium of the cook-cum-helpers.

The Central Government provides 100% funds under Management, Monitoring & Evaluation (MME) component for imparting training to cook-cum-helpers.

(c)&(d):The Scheme was revamped in the year 2009-10. The cooking Cost is revised by 7.5% on annual basis from the year 2010-11. The latest of such revision has been made w.e.f. 01.07.2014