

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1542

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CRITERIA FOR CENTRAL ASSISTANCE

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

(a) the criteria adopted for determining the Central assistance under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS);

(b) whether the said criteria is uniform for all the States and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any prior consultation is held with the States before release of such assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Central Government has any plan to increase funds for States under MDMS especially the Himalayan States Himachal Pradesh and Uttara- khand on the pattern of North-Eastern States which are similar in geographical status and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the Government has any plan to stop their MDMS in the schools and instead provide highly subsidi- dized foodgrains to the families of all those students and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The pattern of fund sharing under Mid Day Meal Scheme is in the ratio of 75:25 for all States except NER States where the ratio is 90:10.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. A Programme Approval Board (PAB) headed by Secretary, School Education & Lite- racy considers and approves the plan of each State/UT after detailed deliberations and discussions with the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned.

(e) & (f): No, Madam.