

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

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

- (a) whether the food served in Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country is found to be not of good quality and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to get people from the hospitality sector to train wardens and cooks at Navodaya Vidyalayas and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has consulted States for this purpose and if so, the response of the State Governments thereto;
- (d) whether the Government has also made training mandatory for new principals and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to induct quality teachers and principals in Government schools?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Catering Assistants, Cooks and Mess Helpers in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas are provided regular training to improve their competency. Such training has been provided through Institutes of Hotel Management & Catering Technology at Chandigarh, Bhopal, Lucknow, Hyderabad etc. Training is also provided in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) by inviting experts from such institutes.

(c) State Governments were consulted and are implementing training of Cooks-cum-helpers under the Mid day Meal Scheme with the help of Institutes of Hotel Management and nutrition experts.

(d) All newly appointed Principals of the JNVs are required to undergo three weeks mandatory induction programme immediately after their joining. Thereafter, all the Principals also attend regular in-service training programmes in relevant areas to enable them to perform their duties effectively.

(e) The teachers and Principals in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) are selected after thorough screening on the basis of an open competitive examination/ limited departmental examination/interview. Possession of a teaching degree i.e. B.Ed. from a recognized institute is compulsory for appointment as a teacher or Principal in JNVs. Trained Graduate Teachers are also required to qualify Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) before their appointment.