

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

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INCREASE IN PER UNIT COST OF MID- DAY MEAL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount given per child by the Union Government and the State Governments separately for Mid-Day Meal Scheme being run to provide nutritious meal to the school children of the country;
- (b) whether the Government has received recommendation from the Parliamentary Committee on Empowerment of Women to rework the per unit cost of mid-day meal on realistic basis and increase the amount spent per child under the Scheme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The amount given per child by the Union Government and the State Government separately for Mid Day Meal Scheme from 1st July, 2014 is as under:

Stage Cooking cost per Centre-State sharing
child per day

Non-NER States	NER States
(75:25)	(90:10)

Centre State Centre State

Primary 3.59 2.69 0.90 3.23 0.36

U. Primary 5.38 4.04 1.34 4.84 0.54

Besides the above, the Central Govt. provides 100% funding for foodgrains, transport assistance, kitchen devices and Management/Monitoring Expenses. The cost of engaging cook-cum-helpers and construction of kitchen-cum-stores is shared in the same ratio as that of cooking cost.

State Governments / UT Administrations can contribute more towards their minimum mandatory share under Mid Day Meal Scheme.

(b) to (d): Yes Madam. The per unit cost of the Mid Day Meal is being increased annually @ 7.5% of the cost of previous year during the last two years of the 11th Plan and the first three years of 12th Plan with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance, to offset the impact of inflation in the items of MDM basket.