

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1508
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2015
Wages to Workers under MDMS
Paswan Shri Chhedi

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

- (a) whether the cooks who are preparing food in schools under Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) are not permanent Government employees and they are paid meager wages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to appoint permanent cooking staff with enhanced wages to them; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The cooks-cum-helpers are paid an honorarium of Rs. 1000/- per month for 10 months in a year as they are engaged by the respective States / UTs on a part time basis. The honorarium is shared between the Centre and States in the ratio of 75:25 except for States of North Eastern Region for which the ratio is 90:10. The criteria for the number of cooks-cum-helpers to be engaged in a school has also been prescribed by the Central Government: one for a school having upto 25 students, two for schools having 26 to 100 students, and one additional cook-cum-helper for every additional 100 students.
 - (c): No, Madam.
 - (d): Does not arise.
- *****