

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2014
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MDMS
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce greater public participation as well as involvement of religious and charitable institutions in its Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDMS) through the concept of 'Tithi Bhojan';
- (b) if so, the salient features of the 'Tithi Bhojan' concept;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce the concept in various States of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

18th position

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 158 for 03.12.2014 raised by SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA regarding Public Participation in MDMS.

(a) & (b): Tithi Bhojan is a concept designed to ensure greater public participation under the mid-day meal programme which is administered to 10.80 crore children in 11.58 lakh schools on a daily basis, across the country. In order to bring in greater community participation, local communities are encouraged to celebrate important family events by contributing to the mid-day meal served in the local schools.

(c) & (d): The Central Government has written to the States to consider the concept of Tithi Bhojan for Mid Day Meal in a suitable manner, to encourage local community participation in the programme.