

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4852
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018**

MDMS Cooks

†4852. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of cooks and other workers for mid-day-meal scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to engage the cooks and other workers working under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in the above mentioned scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) & (b): The Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is implemented in partnership with States and UTs. The overall responsibility for providing cooked and nutritious mid day meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations in accordance with the Guidelines laid down by the Central Government. Mid-Day Meal Guidelines envisage engagement of one cook-cum-helper in a school with up to 25 students, two cooks-cum-helpers in a school with 26 to 100 students and one additional cook-cum-helper for every addition of up to 100 students. The cook-cum-helpers are engaged by respective States and UTs. During the year 2016-17, States and UTs have engaged 25.38 lakhs cook-cum-helpers as per norms of the Scheme.

(c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.
