

regular basis. Under the adopted Management Information System (MIS), QPRs are generated to determine the performance of each State including Punjab with regard to delivery of crucial services, including Supplementary Nutrition, under the ICDS Scheme. This helps in identification of weak areas and this facilitates timely corrective actions.

#### **Mid-Day Meal Scheme in North-Eastern Region**

361. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how far the Central Government can extend assistance to the State Governments to implement the mid-day meal scheme in the States of North-eastern region;

(b) the basis of equal share between the Centre and States;

(c) the number of schools covered on State-wise basis;

(d) whether it is a fact that instead of meal rice is distributed to the students; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken?

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MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Under the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education, commonly known as Mid-day Meals Scheme, 100% central assistance is provided (i) to meet the economic cost of foodgrains (wheat or rice) supplied free of cost by the Food Corporation of India to the implementing agencies, and (ii) cost of transportation of foodgrains to schools from the nearest FCI godown/ depot @ Rs. 25/- per quintal (revised w.e.f. 1.6.97 as actual transportation cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 50/- per quintal). The expenditure on kitchen sheds and labour charges are to be reimbursed under the Poverty Alleviation Schemes (JRY/NRY) of the Central

Government. The remaining costs of conversion of foodgrains into hot cooked meal are to be met by the State Governments, Local Bodies and the community. The Working Group on Elementary Education for the formulation of IX Five Year Plan has estimated that an additional sum of Rs. 3800.00 crores per annum would be needed to meet the share of all States/ UTs towards conversion of foodgrains into hot cooked meals.

(c) According to available information the total number of primary schools covered on State-wise basis in the North-eastern region are:

(i)	Arunachal Pradesh	1210
(ii)	Assam	28464
(iii)	Manipur	2649
(iv)	Meghalaya	4657
(v)	Mizoram	1219
(vi)	Nagaland	1627
(vii)	Tripura	2920

(d) and (e) As a prelude to serving of hot cooked meals/processed food, States in the North-eastern region are distributing foodgrains (rice) @ 3 Kg. per student per month in primary classes (I—V) because of constraint of resources.

#### **Promotions in K. Vs.**

362. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Selja Committee had in its report, recommended promotion of some categories of teachers and principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas if there were little or no promotional avenues for them;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said recommendation has since been accepted/rejected; and

(d) if accepted, the number of those who have been benefited thereby, category-wise?

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