

**Objectives of mid-day meal scheme**

†356.SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as stated in the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), many States have failed to achieve targets of mid-day meal programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that as per the said report sub-standard and non-nutritious meat was being provided to children in these States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount released and spent during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The CAG in its Report No.PA 13 of 2008 for the year ended March 2007 has observed that in the test checked schools of 17 States/Union Territories disruption in providing cooked meals to the children was noticed. The details given by the C&AG are mentioned in the Statement-I (See below). The C&AG has also observed that all the schools/Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS)/Alternative & Innovative Education (AIE) centres were not covered in 8 States. As a consequence, 8.90 lakh children in these States/Union Territories were deprived of mid-day meal. The details given by the CA&G are mentioned in the Statement-II (See below).

(c) and (d) Though C&AG in its Report has not specifically stated that sub-standard and non-nutritious meal was being provided to children under MDM, however, it has pointed out that in seven States (Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Daman and Diu, Chandigarh and Tamil Nadu) shortfall in supply of foodgrains in the meals served to children ranged from a low of 5 grams to a high of 83 grams against the prescribed quantity of 100 grams of foodgrains in the selected schools/districts indicating that the prescribed nutrition was not provided to the children of these areas. The C&AG has also pointed out that during the surprise visits to the schools of four States (Orissa, Punjab, Haryana and Tripura) by audit, the samples of rice was found adulterated and not fit for human consumption in three States as per details given below:

Name of State	No. of schools visited/samples collected	Conformed to specification	Adulterated and not fit for human consumption
Haryana	18	14	04
Punjab	09	01	08
Orissa	12	05	07

(e) The details of funds released and spent during the last two years are given in the Statement-III.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

**Statement-I**

*Details regarding objective of Mid day Meal Scheme as given by CAG*

Sl.No.	State	Remarks
1.	Uttarakhand	In 232 test checked schools cooked meal was not provided for 18.2 per cent to 22.5 per cent days
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	Cooked meal was not provided in Leh district during 2005-07
3.	Rajasthan	In 70 test checked schools cooked meal was not provided to 541754 children for 6036 school days during 2002-07.
4.	Assam	In 40 of the 53 schools test checked interruption in serving of cooked meal was noticed for a period ranging from 4 months to 23 months
5.	Chhattisgarh	In 157 schools 16879 children were not provided cooked meals for a period ranging from 2 to 12 months during 2004-06
6.	Himachal Pradesh	In 32 schools cooked meal was not served for a period ranging from 20 to 232 days during 2004-07
7.	Haryana	In 123 of 140 test checked schools, meal was not served for periods ranging up to 209 days during 2004-07
8.	Kerala	In 72 schools disruption ranged up to 102 days
9.	Orissa	Shortfall in providing cooked meal ranged from 5 to 20 per cent during 2002-07 against the prescribed feeding days of 210 days
10.	Tripura	Cooked meal was not served in 45 to 52 test checked schools for a period ranging up to 165 days during 2003-07
11.	Bihar	Interruption ranged between 47 per cent to 73 per cent of total days
12.	Manipur	During 2005-07, in 60 test checked schools, meal was not provided for 51 days in 2005-06 and for 100 days in 2006-07 against the prescribed 200 days.
13.	Andhra Pradesh	In 140 test checked schools disruption for 2647 days during 2003-07.
14.	Meghalaya	Disruption ranged from 50 per cent to 100 per cent of school days during 2002-07.
15.	Maharashtra	In 43 test checked schools, disruption affected 1088401 children for 6102 school days during 2003-07
16.	West Bengal	In test checked schools cooked meal was not served for 37 per cent of targeted 78114 schools days.
17.	Uttar Pradesh	As per the report of State inspection task force, MDM was not served in 2086 schools during October 2006 to March 2007.

**Statement-II**

*Details of States deprived of Mid-day Meal Scheme as given by CAG*

Sl.No.	State	Schools/EGS/AIE centres not covered
1.	Tamil Nadu	Out of 48287 children of AIE/EGS centers 41478 children were not provided MDM. In 19 test-checked centers MDM was not provided in fourteen centres. Thirteen newly opened schools were also not provided MDM during 2002-07.
2.	Haryana	In seven test checked districts 96 per cent of AIE centers were not covered.
3.	Rajasthan	In Tonk district 7980 schools involving 4.99 lakh children remained uncovered.
4.	Bihar	67 per cent EGS centres in 10 districts not covered depriving 0.88 lakh children.
5.	Manipur	2019 EGS/AIE centres not covered till 2006-07 involving 55110 children.
6.	Uttarakhand	In three test checked districts 87 EGS centers involving 5387 students were not covered.
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	As of 31 March 2007 43 primary schools and 85 EGS centers involving 4853 children remained uncovered.
8.	Punjab	1628 schools and 182 EGS centers involving 196821 children remained uncovered during 2002-04.

**Statement-III**

*Central Assistance Released and Expenditure under Mid-Day Meal Scheme during 2007-08 & 2008-09 [PRY + UPRY]*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	States /UTs	2007-08		2008-09	
		Release including Opening Balance as on 1.04.07	Expenditure incurred by State/UT during 2007-08	Release including Opening Balance as on 1.04.08	Expenditure incurred by State/UT during as 2008-09
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	43992.15	27999.36	22983.45	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1246.05	1040.81	820.79	

1	2	3	4	5	6
3	Assam	17395.38	14085.02	27156.47	
4	Bihar	46325.50	25476.72	62168.38	
5	Chhattisgarh	16506.93	14759.69	30402.54	
6	Goa	261.67	254.00	554.38	
7	Gujarat	12384.20	11048.38	21711.35	
8	Haryana	6303.54	5089.47	7299.26	
9	Himachal Pradesh	2336.86	1726.33	11073.47	
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4141.44	3187.17	4868.05	
11	Jharkhand	21246.05	14107.33	18033.59	
12	Karnataka	28977.65	27505.54	23339.47	
13	Kerala	6931.58	5640.16	12492.21	
14	Madhya Pradesh	64012.15	55901.72	57669.4	
15	Maharashtra	30182.54	27609.20	65013.4	
16	Manipur	1143.56	749.46	1463.58	
17	Meghalaya	2975.14	2137.66	2593.86	
18	Mizoram	465.93	381.33	1401.91	
19	Nagaland	887.54	811.50	940.08	Being Collected
20	Orissa	36143.06	32331.91	28851.33	
21	Punjab	6779.48	5572.62	16874.65	
22	Rajasthan	43321.01	22283.19	55153.39	
23	Sikkim	447.85	404.54	418.84	
24	Tamil Nadu	14373.30	14354.89	24235.39	
25	Tripura	2236.76	2128.05	2968.42	
26	Uttarakhand	3647.21	3175.29	5136	
27	Uttar Pradesh	90258.82	64364.74	82307.17	
28	West Bengal	36742.46	26032.19	58953.55	
29	A & N Islands	105.03	105.03	322.35	
30	Chandigarh	396.59	366.78	364.88	

1	2	3	4	5	6
31	D & N Haveli	153.92	153.92	151.42	
32	Daman & Diu	46.17	46.17	71.57	
33	Delhi	3427.16	3355.81	5772.06	
34	Lakshadweep	24.28	24.28	19.59	
35	Puducherry	178.68	176.65	423.6	
TOTAL :		545997.64	414386.91	654009.85	
Or Say, Rs. in Crore		5459.98	4143.87	6540.10	

**Free education for SC/ST**

357. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for financial assistance for free school education for the pupil especially for SC and ST;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken so far; and

(d) by when funds will be released and spent in rural areas in Andhra Pradesh where SC/ST pupil have no proper classrooms and even boards and school buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir. According to the information furnished by the Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, the State is providing free school education to all the children in the age group of 6-15 years.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Establishment of girls college.**

358. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of girls colleges in the country;

(b) whether Government is planning to open Engineering, Pharmacy, Nursing and Home Science Colleges and Institutions exclusively for girls; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), there were 2260 girls colleges during 2007-08.

(b) There are no such proposals at present.

(c) Does not arise.