

framework, the outcome of online data assessment, student survey results and peer evaluation will determine the accreditation status of applicant Higher Educational Institutions. This framework will ensure increased objectivity and transparency in assessment and accreditation processes in the Higher Educational Institutions.

Preparation and distribution of mid day meals through NGOs

545. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has handed over the task of preparing and distributing mid day meals to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs);

(b) the details of States and districts where the task has been transferred to NGO workers, in part or whole, currently;

(c) the number of non-NGO workers who have received honorarium from Government for running the scheme since 2014, till date; and

(d) whether the Ministry would provide alternative forms of employment for workers displaced from Mid Day Meal Scheme within other schemes run by the Ministry and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) The Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented in partnership with the States/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. Apart from school-based kitchens, the MDM guidelines provide for centralized kitchens run by NGOs for urban areas where there is space constraint. Recently, Mid Day Meal Rules-2015 were amended and notified *vide* GSR No.471 (E) dated 16th May, 2017. The amendment provides that every school shall have the facility for cooking meal in hygienic manner and the schools in urban areas and in identified rural areas which have good road connectivity and viable cluster of schools, for the purpose of leveraging efficiency gains, may use the facility of centralised kitchens for cooking meals wherever required in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government and the meal shall be served to children at respective school only. The details of States and districts where the task has been entrusted to NGOs is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) MDM Guidelines envisage engagement of one cook-cum-helper in a school with up to 25 students, two cook-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/UTs as per above norms and their specific need. The year-wise details of cook-cum-helpers engaged under the scheme are as under:—

Year-wise cook-cum-helpers engaged under Mid day Meal Scheme

Years	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
No. of cook-cum-helpers	25,71,600	25,71,326	25,52,564	25,38,048

(d) The Revised Guidelines 2017 for engagement of Civil Society Organizations/ Non- Government Organisations (CSO/NGOs) in MDM Scheme provides that "The State may ensure that, the cook-cum-helpers already engaged in the schools are not displaced in case of expansion of centralized kitchen. All efforts should be made to retain them as helpers for serving of meals, cleaning of utensils etc. in the school."

Statement

Details of States and Districts regarding preparation and distribution of mid day meals through NGOs

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of Districts where NGOs are serving MDM	No. of NGO working	No. of Children covered	No. of Institutions covered
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5	4	173880	1281
2.	Assam	2	1	47249	606
3.	Bihar	12	6	822485	2771
4.	Chhattisgarh	5	4	106296	678

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Gujarat	7	3	496859	3264
6.	Haryana	4	1	258636	1984
7.	Jharkhand	2	1	54316	415
8.	Karnataka	14	54	804951	5398
9.	Madhya Pradesh	14	10	309962	3031
10.	Maharashtra	5	2	248748	1571
11.	Odisha	9	3	264525	2603
12.	Punjab	8	2	179434	1506
13.	Rajasthan	5	4	298172	3838
14.	Telangana	4	2	168948	1435
15.	Uttar Pradesh	22	112	1086423	8356
16.	West Bengal	4	79	248165	973
17.	Delhi	9	44	1701357	2992
TOTAL		131	332	7270406	42702

Walls of heroes in colleges and university campuses

546. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that colleges and university campuses across India would soon see walls of heroes being erected to reinforce respect in young minds for war veterans and martyrs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these walls, with photographs of Param Vir Chakra awardees, would come up on 1,000 campuses across the country;

(d) whether these would be done with the donations from students and teachers of respective college and university; and