

- (c) the States which have requested for increase?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) and (b) The Haj quota allotted to Haj Committee of India (HCoI) are allocated to all States/Union Territories in proportion of their Muslim population as per Census 2011. As per the principle of allocation of surplus seats generated by under-utilized quota of States for Haj 2018, upto 2000 seats will be allocated to the State of Jammu and Kashmir after allocation of seats for Mehram. The remainder of the surplus seats shall be allocated to States and Union Territories having 500 or less applicants and then to applicants in the new category of lady pilgrims without male Mehram. Thereafter, remaining surplus seats shall be allocated to the States and Union Territories in proportion to the number of applications received.

- (c) As informed by Haj Committee of India, Union Territory of Lakshadweep has requested to increase their quota.

#### **Mid-day meals in Madrassas**

1735. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is coming up with a programme to provide mid day meals in Madrassas to promote mainstream education along with religious teachings;
- (b) if so, the details of the programme; and
- (c) the details of consultations, if any, held with HRD Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) to (c) The Government has taken various initiatives/measures for the upliftment of minority communities as a follow-up action on the Sachar Committee recommendations including, extending the National Programme on Mid-day Meal (MDM) in schools, popularly known as Mid-Day Meal Scheme, an ongoing Centrally-sponsored Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), which covers all school children studying in Classes I-VIII of Government, Government-aided, Special Training Centres, including Madarsas and Maqtabas, supported under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).