

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 220
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020**

Mid Day Meal Scheme

220. SHRI KOMATI REDDY VENKAT REDDY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of children who were given cooked meals under the Mid Day Meal scheme either in school or at their place of residence between March and August 2020, State-wise;
- (b) the number of children who were given ration kits under the Mid Day Meal scheme during the same period, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of children who were provided food security allowances in place of meals and kits under the said scheme during the same period, State-wise?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) to (c): Mid-Day Meal is the entitlement of a child, guaranteed under the National Food Security Act, 2013 and extent per child per day norms of hot cooked meal under MDMS are as under:

Stage	Foodgrain	Cooking Cost	
		Amount	Items
Primary	100 gms	Rs. 4.97	20 gms pulse, 50 gms vegetables, 5 gm oil other condiments and fuel.
Upper Primary	150 gms	Rs. 7.45	30 gms pulse, 75 gms vegetables, 7.5 gm oil other condiments and fuel.

Since, it is not possible to provide hot cooked meal under the prevailing circumstances (COVID-19), State Government and UT Administrations are advised to provide Food Security Allowance (FSA) comprising of foodgrains, pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) to all eligible children till such time their schools are closed due to aforesaid pandemic. The modalities for this purpose may be decided by the respective States and UTs, suitable to the prevailing circumstances. The ad-hoc grant released and foodgrains already allocated may be utilized for this purpose. States and UTs are further advised that all the precautionary measures to face the situation arising out of Novel COVID-19 (Corona) virus, as advised by the Central and State Governments should be followed. As per the information received from States and UTs, the State wise details of number of children provided Food Security Allowance (FSA) during March – August 2020 are given at Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 220 for 14.09.2020 raised by Shri Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy, Hon'ble MP regarding Mid-Day Meal Scheme

Number of children provided Food Security Allowance (FSA) during March to August, 2020

S. No.	State/UT	No. of children
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2961814
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	159282
3.	Assam	4280044
4.	Bihar	10800000
5.	Chhattisgarh	2824394
6.	Goa*	-
7.	Gujarat	5020464
8.	Haryana	1138910
9.	Himachal Pradesh	480168
10.	Jharkhand	3129548
11.	Karnataka	4508167
12.	Kerala	2720198
13.	Madhya Pradesh	6664246
14.	Maharashtra	8743512
15.	Manipur	161822
16.	Meghalaya	569650
17.	Mizoram	131924
18.	Nagaland	148982
19.	Odisha	4513758
20.	Punjab	1630187
21.	Rajasthan**	4822866
22.	Sikkim	52419
23.	Tamil Nadu	3437316
24.	Telangana***	-
25.	Tripura	432279
26.	Uttar Pradesh	11330208
27.	Uttarakhand	599509
28.	West Bengal	11271833
29.	A&N Islands	31115
30.	Chandigarh	92396
31.	Delhi	1604783
32.	DNH & DD	61443
33.	Jammu & Kashmir	831731
34.	Ladakh	16319
35.	Lakshadweep	7354
36.	Puducherry	45528
Total		95224169

*As per the information received from State Government of Goa, the clearance is awaited from their Finance Department to the proposal for providing

Food Security Allowance (FSA) to students

** As per the information received from State Government, Rajasthan is providing Food Grains only.

*** As per the information received from State Government, Telangana is providing food kits of 12 kg rice per person and Rs. 1500 per family to BPL families.