

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1143  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2021**

**Mid-Day Meal fund allocations**

**1143. Shri Derek O' Brien:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) details of Year over Year (YoY) allocation for Mid-Day Meal (per child-wise) including component break up (raw materials, cook compensation, etc.) for the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has conducted or followed any research to ascertain the minimum amount required per child to have a nutritious meal; and
- (c) if so, details thereof and whether Government has achieved those targets?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a): The component-wise details of releases/allocation under Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the last three years are given as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Component of the Scheme	Year-wise Releases/Allocations		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Cost of food grains	626.12	649.58	814.79
Cooking Cost	6889.04	6768.13	9673.77
Honorarium to Cook-cum-Helpers	1589.23	1538.01	1542.48
Transportation Assistance	178.17	314.38	336.06
Management, Monitoring and Evaluation (MME)	172	256.66	298.48
Kitchen-cum-Stores	13.34	10.01	8.68
Kitchen Devices	44.45	144.09	167.68
Repair of Kitchen-cum-Stores	NA	19.18	32.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>9512.35</b>	<b>9700.04</b>	<b>12874.02</b>
National Component	5.73	5.9	8.09
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9518.08</b>	<b>9705.94</b>	<b>12882.11</b>

(b) & (c): As per the Schedule II of National Food Security Act, 2013, the following nutritional content based on research, is prescribed in the Mid Day Meal Scheme:

<b>Components</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Upper Primary</b>
Calories	450 Cal	700 Cal
Protein	12 gms.	20 gms.

The above nutritional norms are met by providing the following food items to the children of primary and upper primary classes under the scheme all over the country:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Primary Stage</b>			<b>Upper Primary Stage</b>		
		<b>Food norms (in gms)</b>	<b>Energy content (in KCal)</b>	<b>Protein Content (in gms)</b>	<b>Food norms (in gms)</b>	<b>Energy content (in KCal)</b>	<b>Protein Content (in gms)</b>
1.	Foodgrains (Rice / Wheat)	100	340	8	150	510	14
2.	Pulses	20	70	5	30	105	6.6
3.	Vegetables (Leafy & Others)	50	25	--	75	37	--
4.	Oil & Fat	5	45	--	7.5	68	--
5.	Salt & Condiments	As per need	--	--	As per need	--	--
			480	13		720	20.6

In addition to providing food grains under the scheme, cooking cost is also provided which is meant to meet the cost of pulses, vegetables, cooking oil, other condiments and fuel. At present cooking cost at primary and upper primary level is Rs. 4.97 and Rs. 7.45 per child per day respectively and the same is linked with Consumer Price Index (CPI).

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