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EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF MID DAY MEAL SCHEME (MDMS)

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The following steps have been taken for effective implementation of the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS):-

- i) The Central Government has issued detailed guidelines to ensure quality, safety and hygiene under Mid Day Meal Scheme to all the States / UTs. These inter-alia include mandatory tasting of the meal by 2-3 adults including one teacher before it is served to children; Safe storage and supply of ingredients to schools; Procurement of pulses and ingredients of branded and Ag-mark quality and supply to schools and testing of food samples by accredited laboratories.
- ii) Revision of cooking cost by 7.5%.
- iii) Construction of kitchen-cum-stores in the schools to ensure safe storage of ingredients and preparation of meals in a hygienic environment.
- iv) Provision of Central assistance @ Rs. 5000/- per school for procurement and replacement of kitchen devices.
- v) Social Auditing of the Scheme has been started.
- VI) 38 Monitoring Institutes and Joint Review Mission also monitor and suggest measures for improvement in the Scheme. Web enabled Management Information System for Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDM-MIS) at national level for effective monitoring of the Scheme.

The food norms for primary as well as upper primary children defined under Mid Day Meal Scheme are as under:

S. No.	Items	Quantity Per Day	
		Primary	Upper Primary
1.	Food grains (viz. rice, wheat)	100 gms	150 gms
2.	Pulses	20 gms	30 gms
3.	Vegetables	50 gms	75 gms
4.	Oil & fat	5 gms	7.5 gms
5.	Salt & Condiments	As per need	As per need

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha question
