



# Haryana Hikes Budget for Mid-Day Meal Scheme by 72 Percent

## Why In News?

On April 6, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal told the state level steering committee meeting for **mid-day meal scheme** held in Chandigarh that the state government has given 14,409 primary school students under **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman** (PMPOSHAN) to provide mid-day meal, **the budget has been increased by about 72 percent.**

## Key Points

- A provision of **Rs. 661 crores have been made during the current year** against the **budget of Rs. 384 crores for the Mid Day Meal scheme** last year.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary directed the officers to conduct study in various sections regarding enhancement of **additional nutritional standards in food** and ensure quality and meet nutritional standards of food besides cooking it under hygienic conditions.
- The time schedule for providing food to the students in the schools should be fixed so that the quality of the food can be checked and inspected.
- It is to be noted that the food provided under the scheme includes a variety of food items based on fortified flour, rice and millets.
- It was informed in the meeting that **200 ml 5 flavoured fortified milk** is also provided to the students of classes **1 to 8 along with a midday meal at least 3 days a week.**

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