

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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FINALISATION OF ANNUAL PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has postponed the finalisation of annual plans of States for the year 2000-2001;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government are aware of the poor financial condition of State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the justification for postponing the finalisation of annual plans of the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b): No, Planning Commission is in the process of finalizing Annual Plans of States for the year 2000-01 and the same have been finalized in respect of UP, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab and UT of Pondicherry. Finalisation of Annual Plans for the remaining states and UTs will be taken up shortly.

(c) & (d): The Government are aware of the financial condition of the State Governments, and accordingly there is considerable transfer of resources every month from the Centre to the States as Plan and Non-plan assistance. Annual State Plan discussions for the year 2000-01 were delayed to some extent in order to take into account the views of the Eleventh Finance Commission and the resulting implications for resources availability for the State Plans. However, this has not affected the transfer of resources to the States, and they have been receiving funds from Government of India every month as usual on the basis of tentative allocations made by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.