

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4998  
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ZERO BASED BUDGET  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating for formulating zero based budgeting; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) and (b) A review has been undertaken of the existing Plan Schemes, both Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, of 51 Ministries/Departments. These schemes have been subjected to Zero Based Budgeting with a view to retaining only those schemes in the Tenth Plan that are demonstrably essential. The exercise will help in rationalising the schemes by making them more focused and streamline the delivery system to ensure that the benefits reach the target group.