

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3577

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WITHDRAWAL OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating to reduce the number of centrally sponsored schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have laid down criteria for continuance of the ongoing schemes in the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details of the guidelines issued in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government have reviewed the impact on the development of rural and backward areas after winding up these schemes; and
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) : Yes, Sir. A Committee of the National Development Council (NDC) on transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), has been set up under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission with members from both the Centre and State Governments. The Planning Commission has also been laying emphasis on the need to converge and weed out related/similar Schemes (including Centrally Sponsored Schemes) in each sector and across sectors. This will improve the effectiveness of the Schemes, avoid duplication of effort and thin spread of resources, as also reduce the overhead costs of programmes.

(b). The Planning Commission has given its approval to the closure of one CSS in the Environment & Forests Sector. Under the Macro-Management Programme for Agriculture Sector, 27 ongoing schemes in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation are proposed to be integrated to reduce the number of CSS. The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has proposed to discontinue four schemes and merger of three schemes into one. In the case of the Rural Development Sector, no scheme is proposed to be withdrawn during the Ninth Plan. However, the exact position in this regard would be known in the course of finalising the Tenth Five Year Plan, when proposals of Central Ministries/Departments would be reviewed inter alia, for continuation of on-going schemes.

(c) & (d): The exercise for the formulation of the Tenth Five Year Plan has just been initiated and the detailed guidelines for continuance of the ongoing schemes would be issued after its finalisation in due course. Meanwhile, all the Central Departments have been asked, to begin a review of all their schemes, on a zero-based budget methodology, before deciding about their continuation in the Tenth Plan.

(e) & (f): Does not arise at this stage.