

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF ALLOCATED FUNDS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has utilised miniscule funds from the allocation during the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details of the percentage of funds utilised during each of the said Plan period alongwith the reasons for under utilisation;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for optimum utilisation of the allocated funds?

Answer

MINSTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) to (c) The details of allocation and utilization of funds during first three years of the 11th Five Year Plan for the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting are given below:

Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Expenditure Utilization	Percentage of
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Over Budget Estimate	Over Revised Estimate
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2007-0	475.00	400.00	392.92	82.72	98.23
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2008-09	700.00	600.00	395.84	56.55	65.97
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2009-10	800.00	507.00	473.29	59.16	93.35
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The low utilization of funds is mainly due to the time taken for inter-departmental consultation, as part of the process of approval of projects/schemes.

The following steps, inter-alia, have been taken with a view to ensuring optimum utilization of funds:

- (i) expeditious completion of approval process for the new schemes designed during the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (ii) putting in place a system for regular periodic review of plan expenditure by the Media Units and the Ministry.
- (iii) setting up of Special Committees to over-see and closely monitor the progress of implementation of some important projects.