

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3611  
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2009  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LESS GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES  
Siricilla Shri Rajaiah

**Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Administrative Reform Commission has recommended for creation of lesser number of Ministries under the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The Administrative Reforms Commission in its report titled 'Organisational Structure of Government of India' presented on 19th May 2009, has recommended that the structure of Government of India should be rationalized by grouping together closely related subjects in order to reduce the number of Ministries from 55 to about 20-25. The recommendations of the Commission are being examined by the Government.