

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FISCAL DEFICIT

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a)whether the Union Government has assessed the impact of economic slowdown and fiscal deficit on scheme meant for common man;

(b)if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and

(c)the steps taken by the Union Government to ensure that schemes meant to uplift the common man are implemented effectively in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA )

(a) & (b) : Economic slowdown has not affected allocation of funds for schemes meant for common man. There has been a conscious fiscal policy expansion in 2008-09 and 2009-10. This is evident from increased allocations over 2008-09 B.E., proposed in Budget of 2009-10 for NREGA (144 percent increase.), Bharat Nirman (45 percent increase), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (59 percent increase) and Rajeev Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (27 percent increase). The allocation for Indira Awas Yojana is proposed to be increased by 63 percent in 2009-10(B.E.).

(c) : In order to ensure that the schemes are implemented effectively, the Planning Commission regularly reviews the schemes. The Ministries are also required to get the schemes evaluated independently through reputed/ experienced institutions. The outcome budget presented to Parliament indicates the actual physical performance in the preceding year, the performance in the first nine months (upto December) of current year and the targeted performance during the ensuing year. The setting up of Unique Identification Authority of India(UIDA) is also a major step in improving governance with regard to delivery of public services.