

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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EVALUATION OFFICE OF SOCIAL SECTOR SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an independent evaluation office and prepare annual reports on social sector performance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government considers setting up of such an office in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the efforts being taken by the Government to make the centrally sponsored input-driven schemes to achieve the desired outcomes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES(DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a)to (d): The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on November 18, 2010 approved the establishment of an Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) to undertake impartial and objective assessment of the outcomes and impact of the major flagship programmes of the Government of India. The IEO will be an independent office attached to the Planning Commission under a Governing Board chaired by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The IEO will strengthen the existing evaluation process by drawing the best resources available from leading research organizations. The findings of the independent evaluation will be reported to the Government of India and also be placed in the public domain.