GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PLANNING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3427 ANSWERED ON:16.03.2011 CENTRAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS Singh Shri Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan);Yadav Shri Dinesh Chandra

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether suggestions from several quarters have been received to change the process of restructuring the Centrally financed development projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the main suggestions given in this regard; and
- (d) the plan formulated by the Government to implement these suggestions?

Answer

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

(a)to (d): Restructuring of the Centrally financed development projects in the country in order to achieve efficient outcomes and effective monitoring is an integral part of the Planning exercise. A proposal with regard to important schemes, not more than fifty in number, with a minimum outlay of Rs. 1000 Crores for such closer monitoring is under consideration, along with a proposal to create a flexi-innovation fund in order to encourage experimentation by way of pilot projects for innovative ideas. The results of such pilot projects would be taken into account before devising/formulation formal proposal/schemes. Decentralisation of formulation of operational guidelines for enhancing flexibility, scale and efficiency in implementation of such Centrally Sponsored Schemes is also under the consideration of a Sub-Committee headed by Shri. B. K. Chaturvedi, Member, Planning Commission.