

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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MISUSE OF FUNDS BY STATES

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received various reports from time to time in regard to the diversion/misuse of funds of Centrally sponsored schemes by the various State Governments/agencies as reported in the media;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has ever evaluated the performance of such major schemes in terms of the funds allotted and its impact;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an independent evaluation office to regulate the performance of such major schemes;
- (e) if so, the time by which such office is likely to come into existence;
- (f) the agencies proposed to fund the evaluation office and the proposal, if any, to include World Bank/IMF; and
- (g) the extent to which the national NGOs are proposed to be included in the proposed evaluation exercise?

Answer

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

(a): No, Sir. The Government has not received any separate report in regard to the diversion/misuse of funds of Centrally sponsored schemes by the various State Governments/agencies as reported in the media.

(b) & (c): In the last two years i.e. 2009-11, the Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission on sample basis has conducted process and impact evaluation of the following schemes:

- i. Rural Telephony
- ii. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA)
- iii. Rural Roads Component of Bharat Nirman
- iv. Cooked Mid-Day Meal (CMDM)
- v. Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP)
- vi. National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)
- vii. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)

The evaluation reports of the above schemes, based on the samples, are available in the website of Planning Commission (planningcommission.nic.in).

(d) to (g): The Government has approved setting up of Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) for evaluating the major flagship programmes. The IEO is funded by the Government of India. The IEO would be permitted to engage the services of leading social science research/other knowledge institutions to evaluate the impact of flagship programmes. IEO is likely to become functional shortly.