

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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POPULARISING THE NATIONAL BUDGET
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that State budgets rarely get national attention in terms of budgetary trends;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The budgetary trends in resources and expenditure of States are assessed by Planning Commission in consultation with States while formulating the five year plan for States. The resources of the States, expenditure and fiscal indicators are also regularly discussed in the resource discussions in the Planning Commission before finalizing the Annual State Plans.