

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISCONTINUANCE OF SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to discontinue some Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the Twelfth Five Year Plan which were started during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the allocation made for these schemes and the progress achieved till date under the Eleventh Plan?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Plan Schemes are continued from one Plan to the next on the basis of Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise, which is carried out while preparing a Plan. The primary purpose of ZBB exercise is to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to objectives & priorities of the next Plan, and also to make use of available resources in the most judicious and economically efficient manner. In this regard, during 2011, a Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri B.K.Chaturvedi, Member, Planning Commission, was set up to suggest ways of rationalising Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). The Committee, which submitted its report in September, 2011 has recommended for converging the existing 147 CSS schemes into 59 CSS schemes, for better focus.

(d): The allocation made on Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the Eleventh Plan was Rs. 660506.40 Crore. The year wise and scheme wise details of amount allocated and utilised is available in the respective implementing Ministry's Demand for Grants, and scheme wise progress in their respective Outcome Budgets.