

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2358  
ANSWERED ON:28.03.2012  
HURDLES IN COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES  
Singh Shri Rakesh

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Governments have faced hurdles in completing development schemes due to the conditions laid down by the Central Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the States have any say in fixing the priorities of development works in the States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Central Government is likely to consider giving freedom to States to determine the priorities of their development works as per their needs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (f): The State Governments have not faced hurdles in completing development schemes due to conditions laid down by the Central Government. The development Schemes in States comprise the own Schemes of the State Governments, State Plan Schemes assisted by the Central Government (ACA Schemes) and Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). The States have liberty to prepare their own schemes under the State Plan based on their development needs and priorities. As regards the ACA and CSS Schemes, the schemes are prepared in consultation with States and the States have liberty to choose development works as per their priorities subject to Scheme guidelines. The guidelines of these Schemes are also modified from time to time to meet with changing needs and to address difficulties, if any, faced by States. In some cases, States do face challenges in complying with legal requirements particularly with regard to environmental & forest clearance. States have also demanded greater flexibility in the implementation of CSS. The B.K.Chaturvedi Committee has made several recommendations on the CSS including the need to provide greater flexibility to States in the context of formulation of the 12th Plan.