

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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RELAXATION IN IMPLEMENTING CENTRAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Governments including the Government of Kerala have demanded for greater freedom in implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes so as to achieve better utilization of funds;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to address these demands; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): State Governments including the Government of Kerala have been raising the issue of provision of greater flexibility in implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) in various forum including National Development Council (NDC) Meetings. To address these concerns raised by the States, in March 2011, Planning Commission set up a Sub- committee for suggesting restructuring of centrally sponsored schemes (CSS) to enhance its flexibility and efficiency under the chairmanship of Shri. B. K. Chaturvedi, Member, Planning Commission. The Sub-committee has submitted its report and has given suggestions/recommendations for enhancing the flexibility in implementation of CSS.