

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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CHANGES IN CENTRAL SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposed to effect changes in the Central schemes to check deficit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to merge certain schemes or totally close them down in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (Dr. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (d): The Government undertakes ZBB exercise in the beginning of a Plan to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to objectives & priorities of the Plan, and also to make use of available resources in the most judicious and efficient manner. The review of Central Sector Schemes, which are directly administered and implemented by administrative Ministries/Departments, is carried out by the Union Ministries/ Departments concerned. As regards Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), a Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Shri B.K. Chaturvedi, Member, Planning Commission to look into rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Committee in its report, submitted in September, 2011 has recommended rationalisation of the existing 147 CSS schemes into 59 CSS schemes, for better focus and administration. In the process, a few existing CSS Schemes have either been transferred to Central Sector or proposed as component of an umbrella scheme. The Committee has suggested three fold categorisation of these 59 schemes; namely; (i) Flagship Schemes which will address major national interventions required on education, health, irrigation, urban development infrastructure, rural infrastructure, skill development, employment and other identified sectors, (ii) Major Sub-Sectoral Schemes to address developmental problems of sub-sectors of major sectors like Agriculture, Education and Health, and (iii) Sector Umbrella Schemes, which will address the sectoral gaps to help improve effectiveness of Plan expenditure.