## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PLANNING LOK SABHA

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FLEXIBILITY IN CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME
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## Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is proposal to grant more flexibility to Chhattisgarh State in centrally sponsored schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which this is likely to help the State to attend to urgent works not included in the programme, to accomplish the task;
- (d) whether it is proposed to create flexi funds at the level of each Ministry in accordance with the requirements;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the extent to which this would help for timely and positive execution of projects in the State without seeking approval of the Centre from time and again?

## **Answer**

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

- (a) to (b): Planning Commission had set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of B.K.Chaturvedi, Member, Planning Commission to look into the issue of restructuring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) to enhance their flexibility, scale and efficiency.
- (c): Works not included in the programme are not covered by the Committee's recommendations.
- (d) to (f): The Committee recommended providing flexibility in physical and financial norms of CSS to all the States including the State of Chhattisgarh to enable State Governments to meet their special needs. The Committee also recommended that 10% of budget allocation in all Flagship Schemes and 20% in other CSS should be earmarked as Flexi Funds, which could be used by the State Governments on sub-schemes or components of CSS for which guidelines should be notified by the concerned Ministries.