

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted expert Committees to streamline and reduce the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the details of observations/recommendations made by the Expert Committee?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Planning Commission had set up a Sub-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, which submitted its report on September, 2011

(c): The recommendations of the Committee, inter alia include rationalizing the existing 147 CSS into 59; Providing flexibility in physical and financial norms of CSS to all the States to enable State Governments to meet their special needs; introducing Flexi Fund by earmarking 10% of budget allocation in all Flagship Schemes and 20% in other CSS, 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; reforming procedure for transfer of funds to the States so as to gradually move over to transfers through the State budgets to ensure full accountability of States; regular monitoring of CSS by concerned Ministry and Independent evaluation; and creating an interactive website and authenticated database for sharing experiences of States.