

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EARTH SCIENCES
LOK SABHA**

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FINDINGS OF AUDIT
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the report of the internal audit wing had revealed many irregularities in the Ministry;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the utilization certificates for grants given to institutions and organizations are yet to be obtained for grants given totaling Rs.1.85 crore under various schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The last internal audit report made certain observations which range from providing of duplicate service books, adjustment of advances, seeking ex-post facto approvals, pending utilization certificates.
- (c) & (d) Ministry of Earth Sciences provides grants to various institutions and organizations and periodically utilization certificates are submitted by these institutions after expending the grants provided.
- (e) Regular monitoring is carried out by the Ministry to ensure that laid down norms and due procedures are followed. The next Grant/installment of grant is not given unless the Utilization Certificate of the previous grant is submitted and if any unspent balance is shown in the Utilization Certificate, it is adjusted in the next installment of grant.