

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSALS OF MINISTRIES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals of different Ministries pending with the Planning Commission;
- (b) the details of pending proposals;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the reasons for pendency of proposals with the Planning Commission;
- (d) if so, the details of the review report; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Sir, Planning Commission appraises Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC)/Public Investment Board (PIB) plan proposals of Ministries costing Rs. 100 crore and above. As on 31-08-2012, 29 EFC/PIB proposals submitted by the Ministries to Planning Commission are pending for appraisal.

(b): A statement showing details of 29 EFC/PIB proposals pending for appraisal is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) to (e): In order to expedite process of appraisal and approval of EFC/PIB plan proposals, Government reviews the extant instructions to streamline the appraisal and approval process of such proposals from time to time. In order to cut down time for processing EFC/PIB proposals, Government has also revised time frame of appraisal from 6 weeks to 4 weeks w.e.f. December 2009. Government of India has also enhanced the delegation powers to Appraisal and Approval systems of Plan proposals of Union Ministries w.e.f. 01.04.2010. Details are at Annexure-II. However, a few projects have not been appraised within four weeks as in many cases discussions have to be held with the concerned Ministry on specific issues or funds may not be available for the scheme/project in the Annual/Five Year Plan. The progress of appraisal of EFC/PIB plan proposals of Union Ministries is reviewed on weekly basis so as to ensure that appraisal note is issued within stipulated timeframe of four weeks. The status of appraisal is also available on Planning Commission's website which is updated every week.