

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESTRUCTURING OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposed rationalization of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) would make available more funds for flagship programmes such as MGNREGS, ICDS, Mid Day Meal Scheme and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the B.K. Chaturvedi Committee constituted to draw up a restructure plan for the existing CSS has given its final report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which it is likely to give its final report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING(SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

- (a) : The proposed rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) suggested by B.K.Chaturvedi Committee is directed towards enhancing flexibility, scale and efficiency of CSS and does not cover allocation of funds to various schemes.
- (b) : Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): The B.K.Chaturvedi Committee, constituted by Planning Commission to look into the issue of restructuring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) has submitted its report in September 30, 2011.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 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.
- (e) : Does not arise.