

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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BUDGET FOR FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government spending on various flagship programmes during 2012- 13 had fallen far short of the Budget Estimates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): A comparative Statement showing the Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates and Releases under various flagship schemes in 2012-13 is placed at Annexure. Main reasons for shortfall in spending on flagship programmes as compared to budget estimates include slowdown in economic growth leading to lower revenue realization, high emphasis on fiscal consolidation and the need to restructure the programmes in the initial year of the 12th Plan. The Government has taken various steps to accelerate economic growth so as to improve availability of resources within the fiscal limits and to speed up the restructuring of programmes.