

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSPENT FUNDS UNDER CSSS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds allocated to most of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) are kept unspent with the departments concerned;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Ministry wise and scheme-wise ;
- (c) whether funds are unspent due to rigid norms and guidelines stipulated without taking into account the ground realities; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard and the measures proposed to be taken for bringing in flexibility in getting the schemes implemented?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Funds allocated to the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) are released to States or their agencies/societies in different installments as per scheme guidelines keeping in view the pace of utilisation by states & their agencies. However, if some funds as budgeted are not released, they may be reduced in revised estimates or re- appropriated or surrendered. The unspent funds are not kept with the departments. The States or their agencies may, however, carry unspent funds till they are utilized.
- (c) & (d): There are several reasons for slow pace of utilisation of funds leading to funds released by the Centre to States under different CSS remaining unspent by States or their agencies. The rigidity in norms/ guidelines in some of the schemes may also be the reason for slow utilisation. It has been recently decided that 10% funds under most of the CSS would be given to States as flexi funds to provide flexibility and innovation in design and implementation of schemes.