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CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for allocation of funds under the social sector schemes;
- (b) the total amount allocated for social sector during the last three years and the current year and the total amount spent out of it ;
- (c) whether actual allocation has been less than the demands of the administrative Ministry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure utilization of funds with a view to achieving targets set in the current Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a): The criteria for allocation of plan funds, called Gross Budgetary Support (GBS), under the social sector schemes include the priorities of the Five Year Plan, availability of overall resources, performance in utilisation of funds in previous years and the implementation plans of different schemes.

(b): The GBS deployed in social sector schemes in the Central Budget for three years including the current year is as follows:

2011-12 (Actuals)	Rs. 1,29,609 crore
2012-13 (RE)	Rs. 1,49,379 crore
2013-14 (BE)	Rs. 1,90,575 crore

(c) & (d): The demands of funds the administrative Ministries are generally higher than the funds allocated to them. The availability of resources and absorption capacity are two main reasons for the difference between the demand and allocation.

(e): Ministries have been asked to ensure monitoring, submission of utilisation certificates by the States & other agencies and to reduce the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for better utilisation of funds.