

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large sum of funds allocated to the key social sector schemes remain unutilised;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated to various sectors and utilised by them during the last three years and the current year, sector-wise;
- (c) the reasons for under utilisation, if any, of the same, year-wise and sector-wise; and
- (d) the measures contemplated to ensure that the planning process is not adversely affected by this?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The utilisation of funds allocated to the social sector schemes depends on availability of resources, finalisation of projects, scheme guidelines, utilization certificates from the implementing agencies etc. The rigidity in norms/ guidelines and inadequate capacity of execution in some of the schemes may also be the reasons for slow utilization in some cases. Sector-wise allocation of Plan resources and expenditure on it during last three years and current year Budget provision is placed at Annex I. Ministries/ Departments constantly review the social sector schemes with the State Governments and implementation agencies to improve utilization of allocated funds by making changes in the guidelines, improving flow of resources, creating better Management Information System (MIS) and building capacity for implementation.