

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2223
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SCRAPPING CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government runs as many as 138 Centrally Sponsored Schemes and the proposal to scrap and merge a few identical programmes into manageable schemes remains unsolved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had appointed an independent evaluation office for evaluation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) in operation at present is 138. Plan Schemes are discontinued/merged/modified on the basis of Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise while preparing a Plan. The primary purpose of ZBB exercise is to ensure convergence, efficiency and efficacy of schemes according to Plan objectives and priorities and also the use of available resources in the most judicious and economically efficient manner. Such an exercise is done regularly.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. The Government has not appointed an independent evaluation office for evaluation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.