

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES DISCONTINUED
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes which were implemented in the last Five Year Plan but discontinued in the current Five Year Plan;
- (b) the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount spent on these schemes in the last Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to continue the schemes keeping in view of the interests of the people employed in these closed schemes?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Planning Commission, in its internal exercise towards Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) for the 11th Plan, proposed discontinuance of 113 Central Sector Schemes (List at Annexure-I). However, on subsequent consultations with various Ministries / Departments, 40 of these identified Central Sector Schemes were retained in their Annual Plan 2007-08. List of these 40 schemes are enclosed at Annexure-II.

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 and efficiency of schemes according to Plan objectives and priorities and also the use of available resources in the most judicious economical and efficient manner. Such an exercise is carried out regularly.