

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1391**

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Discontinuation of Central Schemes

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- a) Whether the Government has discontinued some of the Central schemes for the States;
- b) If so, the details thereof;
- c) The details of Central schemes which are now in operation and the amount allocated for the same during the last five years, scheme-wise; and
- d) The details of total Central assistance to State's Plans for each of the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF FINANCE

(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (d): Based on the recommendation of the Sub Group of Chief Ministers and in consultation with various Ministries/ Departments and other Stakeholders, GoI has rationalized the existing 66 Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) into 28 schemes for CSSs which was communicated by NITI Aayog vide it's O.M. dated 17.08.2016. It may also be stated that following the implementation of the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, the devolution to States has been increased from 32% to 42%, thereby increasing the resource availability with the States vis-a-vis the Centre. Further, the level of flexi fund available in each CSS has been raised from 10% to 25%. This was done to enable the States to satisfy the local needs and undertake innovations. The trend in outlays in the Expenditure Budget of GoI for 28 CSSs for the last five years shown below reflects an increase of around 60% in 2019-20 BE (I) compared to actual of 2015-16.

Scheme Category	(Rs. in Crore)				
	Actual 2015-16	Actual 2016-17	Actual 2017-18	RE 2018-19	BE (Interim) 2019-20
CSS	2,03,740	2,41,296	2,85,448	3,04,849	3,27,679
