

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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ERC RECOMMENDATION FOR SCIENTIFIC MINISTRIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) conducted study on expenditure of various Ministries;
- (b) if so, the names of those Scientific Ministries who were advised to constitute a Committee for review of expenditure of all Scientific Ministries;
- (c) the name of Ministry who was the nodal Ministry for all these Scientific Ministries and action taken so far by that Ministry on the advise of ERC;
- (d) whether any Committee has been constituted;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the reasons for the same; and g) the recommendations of that Committee in respect of each of the Scientific Ministries/Departments?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Anandrao V.Adsul)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g) The Expenditure Reforms Commission(ERC) had conducted studies in respect of 66 Ministries/Departments out of total of about 70 Ministries/Departments. The ERC did not study Scientific Ministries/Departments. The uncovered Ministries/Departments(including Scientific Ministries/Departments) were requested to review their functions as per the methodology suggested by the ERC in its note titled `Task Ahead`. The report of the ERC on Autonomous Institutions was also forwarded to all the Ministries/Departments including Scientific Ministries/Departments for necessary action.