

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED MECHANISM FOR MONITORING SCHEMES PROGRAMMES  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several welfare schemes and development programmes are being run by various departments of the Union Government for poverty alleviation, reducing unemployment and ameliorating the living standard of various sections along with the development of various areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether funds are provided after making budgetary provisions by various departments separately for these welfare and development programmes;
- (d) if so, whether monitoring is also done by departments;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to evolve an integrated mechanism for the monitoring of these schemes and programmes to ensure that concrete action is taken and misappropriation of funds is avoided;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the time by which the said mechanism is likely to be activated?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): It is a fact that several welfare schemes and development programmes are being run by various departments of the Government of India and funds are provided separately for these schemes and programmes after making budget provisions. The details are available in the annual reports and on the websites of the Ministries/Departments concerned.

(d) to (g): Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms have been created at different levels of Central and State Governments as part of the programme guidelines. Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission also carries out evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the delivery systems and impact of the programmes/schemes. A Programme Outcome & Response Monitoring Division has been set up in the Planning Commission to measure physical outcomes of major programmes/schemes.

In pursuance of the directions of the Prime Minister and the commitment made in the Budget Speech of 2005-06 to stress upon the importance of the outcomes of major programmes to improve the quality of implementation of development programmes, Government has decided to place before the Parliament an 'Outcome Budget' every year. The Outcome Budget for 2005-06 for the Plan expenditure was placed in the Parliament on August 25, 2005.