

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4122
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2005
PPSS SCHEME
Ramadass Prof. M

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the plan scheme entitled Expertise for Planning Process-Payment for Professional and Special Services (PPSS);
- (b) the number of specific studies undertaken and the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is difficult to assess the type or number of studies requiring the services of experts; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to overcome the problem in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a): A budget provision is made by the Planning Commission in the Plan Scheme entitled, 'Expertise for Planning Process – Payment for Professional and Special Services [PPSS]' for making payment of consultancy fee/remuneration and also the payment of Travelling Allowance/Daily Allowance etc. to the Consultants engaged by the Planning Commission from time to time for undertaking specific studies/assignments as per the need of the Commission. Budget provision for 2005-06 is Rs.40.00 lakhs.

In the matters relating to the appointment of Consultants, the Planning Commission invariably follows the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT). Besides, an authorization has also been given to the Planning Commission to engage the services of the Consultants (either Individuals or Institutes in the relevant fields) on payment of a consolidated amount fixed/decided with reference to each assigned task.

(b): The payments to the Consultants appointed as per DoPT's guidelines are made on a monthly basis, whereas in the case of assignments given to the Institutes/ Individuals on a consolidated amount, this payment is made in installments linked with the progress of their work. Total amount of Rs.31,64,373 /- , (Rs.22,12,087/- to those consultants appointed on monthly basis and Rs.9,52,286/- to those Institutes/Individuals who have been given assignments on a consolidated amount) has been released so far during the current financial year (Details at Annexure I). This amount includes the payments released during 2005-2006 towards the committed assignments of previous years also.

(c): The Planning Commission has been authorized to engage 25 Consultants at a time as per the DoPT's guidelines. Therefore, the Commission makes a tentative provision at the time of formulating Budget Estimates and full details are sometimes not available at that point of time. However, more realistic picture becomes available at the RE stage when the budget allocation is revised accordingly as per the actual need.

(d): The Planning Commission is now able to formulate its budget proposals under the Scheme on a more realistic basis in view of the past experience.

Annexure-I to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4122 for 21.12.2005

I. Details of amount released to Individuals/Institutes in respect of studies assigned to them by Administration I Section under 'PPSS' for the period upto 30.11.2005.

Name of the Individual/Institute to which the study pertains	Name of the Division to which the study is given	Number and date of release order	Amount Released (in Rs.)	Cumulative Expenditure (in Rs.)
--	--	----------------------------------	--------------------------	---------------------------------

Shri J.K. Chahal, Retd. Deputy Adviser, Planning Commission	FR	A-12013/40/2004-Adm.I 08/04/2005 (082420 25.04.05)	33,000/- 33,000/-	
---	----	--	----------------------	--

Shri K.P. Katailiha, Retd. Joint Adviser, Planning	WR	A-12013/41/2004-Adm.I 08/04/2005 (082344	15,000/- 48,000/-	
--	----	---	----------------------	--

Commission 20.04.05)

-do- WR A-12013/41/2004-Adm.I 15,000/- 63,000/-
09/05/2005 (082496
12.05.05)

M/S Norma Social & PEO A-12013/17/2004-Adm.I 80,000/- 1,43,000/-
Market Research TC 12/05/2005 (184562957
7/1724, Temple Road, 19.05.05)
Kochulloor Medical
College, PO,
Thiruvananthapuram

Shri Y.R. Nandwani, PEO A-12013/09/2004-Adm.I 10,000/- 1,53,000/-
Retd. Deputy Secretary, 19/05/2005 (082925
Planning Commission, 31.05.05)
C-II, A/99, Pocket16,
Janak Puri, New Delhi.

M/S Norma Social & PEO A-12013/17/2004-Adm.I 40,000/- 1,93,000/-
Market Research TC 26/05/2005 (184563354
7/1724, Temple Road, 31.05.05)
Kochulloor Medical
College, PO,
Thiruvananthapuram

Shri K.S. Sidhu, Retd. IAS, F.6(1927)/2005-Adm.I 1,00,000/- 2,93,000/-
Chief Coordinator, Core 02/06/05
Group of Experts on
Tsunami Rehabilitation
Programme.

Shri K.P. Katailiha, Retd.
Jt. Adviser, PC WR A-12013/41/2004-Adm.I 20,000/- 3,13,000/-
19.07.2005 (A-117909
03.08.05)

Shri R.B. Prasad, Retd. SP A-12013/08/2005-Adm.I 15,000/- 3,28,000/-
Dy. Adviser, PC 26.07.05 (118074
09.08.05)

M/s Vision Consulting , C- PEO A-12013/14/2005-Adm.I 60,000/- 3,88,000/-
16, 3rd Floor, Amar Colony, 29.07.05 (118494
Delhi 09.09.05)

NICSI, NBCC Tower, DP A-12013/30/2004-Adm.I 35,508/- 4,23,508/-
Bhikaji Cama Place, New 28/07/05 (118132
Delhi 17.08.05)

B/F 4,23,508/-

NICSI, NBCC Tower, PC A-12013/39/2004-Adm.I
Bhikaji Cama Place, New 10.08.05 71,016/- 4,94,524/-
Delhi (118214
24.08.05)

IPAI, 2nd Floor, C-Wing, PEO A-12013/23/2004-Adm.I 1,97,000/- 6,91,524/-
AGCR Building, New 26.08.05 (118457
Delhi dt.09.09.05)

-do- PEO -do- 98,500/- 7,90,024/-
(118494
09.09.05)

Shri R.B. Prasad, Retd.
Dy. Adviser, PC SP A-12013/08/2005-Adm.I 15,000/- 8,05,024/-
01.09.05 (118495
09.09.05)

NICSI, NBCC Tower, Record A-12013/09/2005-Adm.I (118568 8,22,778/-
Bhikaji Cama Place, 7/09/05 13.09.05)
New Delhi

NICSI, NBCC Tower, IE A-12013/30/04-Adm.I 35,508/- 8,58,286/-
Bhikaji Cama Place, New 7.09.05 (118684
Delhi 21.09.05)

Ms. Neelansha Dwivedi, RD A-12013/22/2005-Adm.I 5000/- 8,63,286/-
Intern 7.09.05 (118940
28.09.05)

Shri Kavish Khan, Intern PEO A-12013/32/2005-Adm.I 10,000/- 8,73,286/-
17.10.05 (yet to be
paid)

Shri R.B. Prasad, Retd. SP A-12013/08/2005-Adm.I 15,000/- 8,88,286/-
Dy. Adviser, PC 22.11.05 (119922
30.11.2005)

M/S Norma Social & PEO A-12013/17/2004-Adm.I (1) 39,000/- 9,27,286/-
Market Research TC 25.11.05 (DD No.
7/1724, Temple Road, 184569916
Kochulloor Medical .05.12.05)
College, PO,
Thiruvananthapuram

-do- PEO A-12013/17/2004-Adm.I (2) 25,000/- 9,52,286/-
25.11.05 (DD No.
184569916
.05.12.05)

II. Expenditure upto 30.11.2005 on fee, traveling allowance/
daily allowance etc. of Consultants appointed on monthly basis : Rs.22,12,087
III. Total (I +II) : Rs.31,64,373

