

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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MERGER /WINDING UP OF SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether zero based budgetary schemes have been wound up or merged with other schemes;
- (b) if so, the total number of such projects which have been merged with the schemes declared for 2005-06;
- (c) whether a proposal has also been made to merge the schemes declared for the current year; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for the merger alongwith the winding up of projects/schemes declared for the previous year?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The ZBB exercise has not taken a final shape. The following decision was taken in the matter in the Internal Planning Commission (IPC) Meeting held on 18.11.2005:

“The Internal Planning Commission considered the suggestion of the Finance Minister to expand the scope of the Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise to cover Central Sector Schemes (in addition to CSS) and to facilitate reprioritization of resources and consolidation of the development effort. After deliberations, the IPC felt that it is not feasible to undertake a ZBB exercise for Annual Plan 2006-07, since this is the last year of the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, the Planning Commission should cover Central Sector Schemes under ZBB for the Eleventh Five Year Plan. It was also decided to suggest guidelines for effectively conducting the ZBB exercise covering all Plan Schemes.”