

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WEEDING OUT OF CENTRAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether evaluation of centrally sponsored schemes has been completed;
- (b) if so, details of the findings;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to weed out various key schemes of Union Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, Ministry-wise; and
- (e) the reaction of various Ministries in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PA WAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (e): Evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Central Sector Schemes is an ongoing process. Evaluations are undertaken by Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission and also by various Central Ministries/Departments.

The Planning Commission had undertaken a review of the existing Plan schemes and subjected them to Zero-based Budgeting, at the time of commencement of the 10th Plan, retaining only those schemes which were considered essential. The aim of the exercise was to rationalize the schemes by making them more focused. Subsequently, in 2004-05 the Planning Commission carried out an exercise in consultation with the Union Ministries/Departments regarding transfer/rationalization/review of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and communicated them to the Ministries/Departments. An Expert Group has since been set up by the Planning Commission to develop concrete proposals for rationalisation and restructuring of CSS in pursuance of the decision taken in the 51st meeting of the National Development Council (NDC) held on 27th and 28th June, 2005. The Planning Commission has also decided that a Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise will be undertaken for carrying forward Plan Schemes into the Eleventh Five Year Plan.