

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance,
Department of Economic Affairs**

Rajya Sabha

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Budget cut on welfare schemes

QUESTION

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Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the budget cut on various Central welfare schemes and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has data on the number of beneficiaries impacted by such budget reduction;
- (c) whether Government conducted a survey or empirical research to assess the impact of such budget cut on the current and potential beneficiaries, if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (d) whether Government conducted a survey to determine if the funds allocated to such Central welfare schemes have been utilized efficiently and effectively, if not the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) Budget at Glance 2023-24 presented to the Parliament summarizes the expenditure on 'Social Welfare' under "Expenditure of Major Items". The same is given below:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	2021-22 (Actual)	2022-23 (RE)	2023-24 (BE)
	40,595	46,502	55,080

- (b) & (c) The trends between FY 2021-22 to BE 2023-24 is self explanatory. Therefore, (b) & (c) does not arise.

- (d) Regular monitoring and evaluation of social welfare schemes is conducted by the implementing Ministries/Departments of the Govt. to measure output/outcome including efficient and effective utilisation of funds of these schemes.
