

## **Chapter XV**

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The Commission requested all the Government Departments to furnish information relating to Departmental schemes, which became redundant and did not achieve the required objectives. Departments were also requested to suggest merger of schemes that were similar in content. Commission detailed two senior officials of Directorate of Financial Inspection, Government of Assam to collect the information in a prescribed proforma.

Most of the Departments except the Departments of Irrigation and Water Resources informed the Commission that they did not have any incomplete scheme, which could be abandoned or merged. Irrigation and Water Resources Departments furnished lists of such schemes. On examination of the schemes, the Commission found that substantial amount were spent in the obsolete schemes and most of the schemes had to be abandoned owing to technical flaw which is really a matter of regret. Before taking up any scheme the Commission feels that proper technical feasibility should be examined by competent officials and preliminary hurdles should be removed before spending the allotted fund. There should be detailed job chart for the officials implementing the scheme stipulating **Key Performance Areas** and they should be held responsible for subsequent failure of the scheme.

Though all the concerned Departments except the above two indicated that they did not have such incomplete and obsolete scheme; the Commission has good reasons to believe that there must be such schemes in almost all the works departments as well as departments implementing large number of schemes with State Government fund or fund received from Central Government. Therefore, it is desirable that there should be a thorough scrutiny of all such Departments by a Government Agency to find out the actual state of affairs to prevent unnecessary expenditure from the Public Exchequer.