

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of guidelines formulated to curb wasteful expenditure in the Ministries and Ministers offices; and
- (b) the steps taken to implement these guidelines ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): It is Government's constant endeavour to curb wasteful expenditure. In this context, instructions for austerity in Government expenditure are issued to all the Ministries/Departments from time to time. The austerity measures include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses, reduction in per diem allowance for travel abroad, etc. Instructions have been issued at the level of Prime Minister to all Ministers prescribing various austerity guidelines and calling for their strict observance.