

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA**

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AUSTERITY MEASURES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent by the various Departments under his Ministry on various heads during last three years, year- wise;
- (b) whether Union Government propose any economy drive to reduce expenditure on Publicity, advertisement, entertainment, catering, inauguration functions, seminars, tours within the country and abroad, including the payments made against STD and ISD bills, electricity bills particularly the bills of Airconditioner and cooler and the other such expenditure;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SH. RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): As regards the amount spent, for running the offices, by the Departments under the Ministry of Coal & Mines, i.e. the Department of Coal and the Department of Mines, the details for the last three years are shown below:-

Department of Coal (Rs. in thousands)

Sub-Heads	Year 1999-2000	Year 2000-01	Year 2001-02
Salaries	42663	38748	54088
Wages	209	220	185
Overtime Allowance	350	383	293
Domestic Travel	1657	1438	1573
Expenses			
Foreign Travel	1674	1353	1760
Expenses			
Office Expenses	14009	15390	17502
Professional	1	29	79
Services			
Publications	894	885	565
Hospitality (Other	704	839	1090
Administrative			
Expenses)			

Department of Mines

(Rs. in thousands)

Sub Heads	Year 1999-2000	Year 2000-01	Year 2001-02
Salaries	32360	34364	36637
Wages	314	287	407
Overtime Allowance	577	601	737
Domestic Travel	2041	2117	3032
Expenses			

Foreign Travel Expenses	2264	2774	2458
Office Expenses	8507	9783	16552
Publications	235	96	380
Other Administrative Expenses	541	788	3093
Professional Services	48	121	116
Training	-	30	100
Information & Technology	1000	3105	1985

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Finance had earlier issued guidelines for observing austerity measures including 10% reduction on non-salary Secretariat Heads. The Departments under the Ministry of Coal & Mines have made their utmost efforts to observe the austerity measures to reduce expenditure on various heads.