

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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AUSTERITY MEASURES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent by the various Departments under his Ministry on various heads during the last three years, year-wise.
- (b) whether the 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 STD Bills, electricity bills particularly the bills of airconditioners and coolers and other such expenditure; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS ~~MINISTER~~ MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) The amount spent by this Ministry on various heads during the last three years viz. 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is Rs.558.18 lakh, Rs.632.70 lakh and Rs.645.50 lakh respectively.
- (b) & (c) The instructions issued from time to time by Ministry of Finance on austerity measures are complied with by this Ministry.