

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the amount spent by the various Departments under her 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**

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The details of the sub-head wise expenditure incurred by the various Media Units etc. in the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are available in the Detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, respectively, which were laid on the Table of the House. The details of expenditure (Provisional) for the year 2001-2002 are given in Annexure.

(b) & (c): It is the Government's constant endeavour to contain Non-Plan , non- developmental expenditure. The Ministry of Finance, which is the nodal Ministry for controlling the expenditure of all Central Government Departments, has been issuing directions from time to time to avoid wasteful expenditure.