

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:206
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OFFICE EXPENSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch any campaign for economy in expenditure on publicity, advertisements, reception, refreshments, inaugurations, seminars, conferences, tours (including foreign), telephone bills including STD and ISDcalls, electricity bills (especially air conditioners and cooler`s bills) and other such expenditure made by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the amount spent on these items during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): It is Government's constant endeavour to contain non-plan, non- developmental expenditure. It is in this context that, alongwith other measures, instructions to avoid wasteful expenditure are issued from time to time to all the Ministries/Departments. These 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, restrictions on holding of conferences/ seminars etc., reduction in electricity consumption, restrictions on STD/ISD facility, restrictions on number of free calls on official residential telephones, etc.

(c): Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.