

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3376
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2002
EXPENDITURE INCURRED UNDER VARIOUS HEADS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the expenditure incurred under various heads such as publicity, advertisement, hospitality, catering, opening ceremonies, seminars, conferences, tours (including foreign visits), STD and ISD telephone bills, electricity bills (including the electricity bills of airconditioners and coolers) in various departments and undertakings under the Ministry during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to launch any drive to cut down the expenditure being incurred under above heads;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY (URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): The information in respect of this Ministry, including Attached/Subordinate offices and Undertakings under the Ministry, except CPWD, during the last three years is given in Annexure. Information in respect of CPWD is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) to (d): Instructions issued by Ministry of Finance on fiscal prudence and austerity are followed in order to keep the expenditure to barest minimum.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3376 FOR 6.8.2002

(Rupees in thousands)

YEARS	Travel Expenses	Office Expenses@	Publicity and advertisement	Total
1999-2000	6,45,35	13,69,57	4,18,11	24,33,03
2000-2001	6,70,21	14,18,51	2,91,29	23,80,01
2001-2002	6,27,40	13,80,46	3,33,99	23,41,85

@ Office Expenses includes the expenditure incurred on hospitality, catering, opening caremonies, seminars, conferences, telephone bills, electricity bills (including the electricity bills of airconditioners and coolers)