

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3816
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EXTERNAL DEBT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the external debt of different countries against India at present, country-wise;
- (b) the method adopted by the Government to repay the loan; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the external debt?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) Country-wise external debt outstanding (both Government and non-Government loans) from bilateral sources as on December 5, 2002 are given in the Annex.

(b) Most of the Loan Agreements have repayment schedules. Based on the schedule and receipt of demand from the donor, sanction is issued on the authorized nationalized bank to arrange for the repayment to the donor in foreign currency, after which equivalent rupee value is credited to their account debiting from Government Account. Similar procedure is also followed by different public sector Organizations to repay the non-Government debt.

(c) The Government follows a prudent external debt management policy to keep the debt within manageable limits. The key elements of this policy are external borrowings from multilateral/bilateral sources concentrating on concessional and less expensive debt, limiting short-term debt, prepaying more expensive external debt and encouraging non-debt creating flows on capital account, export and invisibles on current account.

Annexure

Country-wise External Debt Outstanding (Both Government and Non-Government loans) from Bilateral Sources as on December 5, 2002.

Sl. No.	Country	External Debt Outstanding (US \$ million)	
		Government Debt	Non-Government Debt
1	Austria	29.03	
2	Australia	6.39	
3	Belgium	35.75	
4	Canada	281.24	
5	Rep. Of Czech & Slovak	1.77	
6	Germany	2195.48	726.26
7	Denmark	78.21	
8	Spain	28.00	
9	France	574.01	62.14
10	Italy	102.93	
11	Japan	8089.98	1195.71
12	Kuwait Fund for Arab Eco. Dev	30.17	
13	Netherlands	417.34	
14	Norway	0.00	0.26
15	Russian Federation	390.78	
16	Saudi Arabia	7.73	
17	Switzerland	9.55	
18	Sweden	120.83	
19	USA	1075.47	

TOTAL: 13474.66 1984.37