

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3595
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OFFICE EXPENSES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by various departments and undertakings under his ministry on publicity, advertisement, reception, catering, inauguration, ceremonies, seminars, conferences, tours (including foreign), STD and ISD telephone bills, electricity bills (especially air-conditioners and cooler bills) and other office expenses during each of the last three years, head-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to initiate any drive to curtail the expenditure on the above heads;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) The information is given below:

(Rs. In Lakh)

Head of Account Ministry of Steel Public Sector Undertakings

1999-2000 2000-2001 2001-2002 1999-2000 2000-2001 2001-2002

1. Other Charges 1.96 5.80 6.22 551.08 833.26 590.23

A. Publicity
B. Advertisement

2. Hospitality 2.31 4.14 3.05 889.80 928.94 946.12

A. Hotels
B. Hospitality
C. Catering
D. Inaugurations
E. Functions
F. Meetings
G. Seminars
H. Conferences

3. Tours 28.52 40.17 42.00 5586.15 4699.15 4645.61

A. Domestic
B. Foreign

4. Office Expenses 105.84 120.07 105.90 105991.35 113708.77 151069.22

- A. Telephones
- B. Electricity
- C. Other office expenses

(b)to(d): The Government, apart from strictly adhering to 10% cut in the overall expenditure under various Heads, makes continuous efforts to cut down avoidable expenditure wherever possible.