

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1766
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ZERO BASED BUDGET OF STATES
HOLKHOMANG HAOKIP

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether one of the States has finally got the green signal from the Union Government to resort to Zero Base Budgeting;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is going to be introduced in all the remaining States;
- (d) if so, whether the Union Government have worked out any mechanism to link or delink the Zero Based Budget with the debt of the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (c) : The primary responsibility of managing their finances rests with State Governments, for which they are responsible to their respective State Legislatures. They do not require the concurrence of Government of India to resort to zero based budgeting and it is up to them to take a decision in this regard.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.