

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:916  
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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the overall balance of payments position for the year 2002-03 have shown some improvement over the earlier years;
- (b): if so, the present balance of payments position as on June 30, 2003; and
- (c): its impact on the trade deficit of the country?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c): The overall balance in the balance of payments for the country showed a higher surplus of US \$17 billion during 2002-03 compared with US \$11.8 billion in 2001-02. The current account balance had a higher surplus of US \$3.7 billion (compared with US \$0.8 billion in 2001-02) due to better performance by merchandise exports, imports, and invisible earnings. Net inflows under the capital account were US \$12.6 billion, compared with US \$10.5 billion in 2001-02, on account of higher increase in banking capital (excluding non-resident deposits) and other capital. At present, balance of payments position is available only for the fiscal year 2002-03 (till end March 2003) since balance of payments data is compiled with a time lag of one quarter. Data for 2002-03 indicates a marginally lower trade deficit (on payments basis) of US \$12.5 billion in 2002-03 compared with US \$12.7 billion in 2001-02.