

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TAX COLLECTION BY TAX PAYERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets set for collection of direct and indirect taxes during April-June, 2003;
- (b) whether these targets have been achieved;
- (c) if so, whether the fiscal deficit has gone up due to lower tax collections;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to correct the situation?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Targets set for collection of Direct Taxes and achievements during April-June 2003 are as follows:

(In crores)

Targets Achievements

Income Tax	Rs.7342	Rs.5912.87
Corporation Tax	Rs.7725	Rs 3159.39

However, no month wise targets are set for collection of Indirect Taxes. The budget estimates are the only targets fixed for the whole of the financial year.

(c) & (d) Fiscal deficit has increased due to increase in plan and non-plan expenditure outpacing the increase in revenue receipts and non-debt capital receipts.

(e) The Government has been following a strategy of fiscal rectitude, which aims at higher tax revenue, improved non tax receipts and moderation in the growth of non-plan expenditure, so as to reduce the deficit.