

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3905  
ANSWERED ON:09.04.2003  
OFFICE EXPENSES  
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the amount incurred on publicity, advertisements, hospitality, catering, inaugural functions, seminars conferences, tours (including foreign tours) S.T.D. and I.S.T.D. telephone bills, electricity bill (particularly bills of Air Conditioners and Coolers) and other office expenses by various departments and under takings under the Ministry, year-wise during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to launch any drive to curtail the expenses on the above said items;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIS.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) The information is furnished as below:

Item	1999-2000 (Rs.in lakhs)	2000-2001 (Rs.in lakhs)	2001-2002 (Rs.in lakhs)
Publicity/Advertisements	171.43	208.34	330.14
Hospitality/Catering	261.87	323.43	468.38
Inaugural functions Seminars/Conferences	263.50	556.72	865.54
Domestic tours (including foreign tours)	2227.33	2765.32	3391.17
S.T.D. and I.S.T.D. Telephone bills	469.11	500.46	985.44
Electricity bills			
a) Air conditioners	6942.32	7367.46	7078.35
b) Coolers			
Other office expenses	3157.07	5136.82	5827.35

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. This Department has taken various steps to curtail the expenditure. Only few Senior Officers are provided with

Telephones. In most of the cases ceiling fixed on expenditure. STDs/ISTDs are discouraged and communication through email is restored to. Tours have also been curtailed to bare minimum. The canteen subsidy has been reduced drastically. ACs are provided only to very Senior Officers and to work stations where absolutely necessary. The office expenses have also been brought down considerably.

(d) Not applicable.