GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:612 ANSWERED ON:05.12.2003 NON PLAN EXPENDITURE OF GOVERNMENT PRAKASH V. PATIL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the non-plan expenditure of the Government is increasing rapidly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government have decided to impose some cuts in its non-planned expenditure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof? ANSWER

Answer

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

(a) & (b):The increase in non-plan expenditure during the last three years is lower than the increase in plan expenditure of the Government. The non-plan expenditure has increased by 23.9% from 2000-01 to 2002-03 (Provisional) whereas the Plan expenditure has increased by 35.6% over the same period. The details of non-plan expenditure during the period from 2000-01 to 2002-03 are as follows:

(Rs. Crore) Particulars Actuals Actuals Actuals 2001-02 2002-03 2000-01 (Provisional)

- 1. Interest Payments 99314 107460 115630
- 2. Defence Expenditure 49622 54266 55455 3. Subsidies 26838 31207 40415
- 4. Grants to State & UT Govts 14717 15327 14095
- 5. Other Non-Plan Expenditure 52432 52999 75292
- 6. TOTAL NON-PLAN EXPENDITURE 242923 261259 300887

(c) & (d): Government is committed to reducing the non-developmental expenditure. The measures include limiting of fresh recruitment to 1% of the total civilian strength over a period of 4 years from 2002-03, rationalization of subsidies, introduction of cash management, etc.