

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:688

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CURB ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to curb administrative expenditure;
- (b) if so, the economy measures proposed to be adopted for this purpose;
- (c) the directives issued to the State Government thereon; and
- (d) the response of the State Government thereto? i -

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri S.S.Palanimanickam)

(a & b) : It is a Government's constant endeavour to contain non-plan, non-developmental expenditure. It is in this context that, along with other measures, instructions to avoid wasteful expenditure are issued from time to time to all the Ministries/Department. These measures, inter-alia, include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses, restriction on STD/ISD facility, restriction on number of free calls on official residential telephones, electricity etc.

(c): No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.