

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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AUSTERITY ON GOVT. EXPENDITURE MEASURES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has announced austerity measures on the Government expenditure as a result of current drought situation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and response of the Ministries, there to, Ministry-wise;
- (c) whether any sector of the economy has been affected due to cut in the expenditure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this direction?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Finance has advised all Ministries/ Departments, inter alia, to effect mandatory cuts in non-plan expenditure under various heads and issued economy instructions related to domestic & foreign travel, purchase of vehicles, holding of seminars & conferences etc. Ministries/ Departments are charged with the responsibility of ensuring compliance to these economy measures.

(c): No report in this regard has been received.

(d): Does not arise.