

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DEBT  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any assessment about both internal and external public debt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to lessen the burden of public debt; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) and (b): The total outstanding internal and external debt and other liabilities of the Government of India as assessed for Budget Estimates 2010-2011 are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)  
Internal Debt 2736754

#External Debt 162045

Other Liabilities 1045799

Total 3944598

# Balances are according to book value.

(c) and (d): The Central Government has been following a comprehensive strategy to moderate the growth in public debt through a policy of fiscal rectitude inter alia, including course to lower cost borrowings, emphasis on raising funds on concessional terms and from less expensive sources with longer maturities, monitoring short term debt and encouraging non-debt creating capital flows. The Central Government has also set up a Middle Office in order to have a more prudent management of government debt.