

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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AUSTERITY MEASURES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the instructions to travel in economy class by all the Ministers in the wake of austerity measures are being implemented in letter and spirit;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the total expenditure incurred on foreign as well as domestic travels undertaken by the Ministers during the last three years, year-wise and Ministry-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRINAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b): With effect from 1st April 2010, the austerity instructions related to travel by economy class have been reviewed and travel on Government account by the entitled class has been permitted.

(c): As per information collected from Ministry of Home Affairs, the details of expenditure incurred on foreign as well as on domestic travels undertaken by the Ministers during the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

S.No. Year On Domestic Tours On Foreign Tours

1.	2007-2008	15.92	122.78
2.	2008-2009	18.97	108.86
3.	2009-2010	16.66	64.88
	Total	51.55	296.52

Ministry-wise data on expenditure incurred in this regard is not maintained centrally.