GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN COLLECTION OF TAXES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether collection of direct and indirect taxes have increased in April-October, 2010-2011 over April-October, 2009-2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount and percentage of custom duty on petroleum imports during the same periods;
- (d) whether service tax collection is very low during these periods;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to remedy the problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) & (b): Increase in collections of direct and indirect taxes in April-October, 2010-2011 over April-October 2009-2010 is as under:
- S.No. Nature of Tax % increase
- 1. Direct Taxes 17.82%
- 2. Indirect Taxes 43.00%

The following steps have been taken by the Government to enhance the direct taxes collections which inter-alia include:

- (i) Monitoring of Advance Tax Payment of top tax payers;
- (ii) Emphasis on collection out of arrear demand and monitoring of high default cases;
- (iii) Strengthening of the Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) administration and rationalization of provisions related to TDS;
- (iv) E-Payment of direct taxes has been made mandatory for all Corporate tax payers and for tax audit cases.

So far as indirect taxes are concerned, the following steps have been taken to increase the tax collections which inter-alia include:

- (i) Regular monitoring of revenue collection and analysis of causal factors is being done at national, zonal and commissionerate level; and
- (ii) Strengthening of Audit and anti-evasion measures from time to time to increase the level of tax compliance.
- (c): The amount and percentage of customs duty on petroleum products during the same period (April-October 2010-11) was Rs.14,666 crore which established a growth of 262% over its corresponding period of April-October 2009-10.
- (d) & (e): The service tax collection has increased by 18% during these periods.
- (f): In view of reply to parts (d) & (e) above, the question does not arise.