

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF AUSTERITY MEASURES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Central Government has issued a long list of austerity measures including a complete ban on creation of new posts in all Ministries and Departments;
- (b) If so, complete details of the austerity measures introduced alongwith status of implementation, Ministry-wise during each of the last three years;
- (c) Whether any nodal officer has been appointed to monitor the implementation of the austerity measures; and
- (d) If so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Instructions on expenditure management-economy measures and rationalization of Expenditure in Govt. of India have been issued on 11th July 2011. The instructions contain a ban on creation of Plan and Non-Plan posts, except for new organisations which are set up during the course of the current year based on already approved schemes. The instructions also contain economy measures related to seminars/conferences, Purchase of vehicles, Foreign Travel, Consultancy Assignments and guidelines for observance of discipline in fiscal transfers to States/PSU/Autonomous Bodies and Balanced Pace of Expenditure.

In 2008 and 2009, economy measure were introduced covering cuts in Non-Plan expenditure, instructions on seminars & conferences, foreign travel, purchase of vehicle etc. No instructions were issued in 2010.

The Ministry-wise status of implementation is not maintained centrally.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. The responsibility for implementing these instructions rests with the respective Ministry/Departments.