

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTIGATION ON OIL FOR FOOD PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has sought the Ministry's nod to approach authorities in Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan relating to alleged involvement of certain individuals/entities in the Iraq Oil-for-Food Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the enquiry has already been started; and
- (d) if so, the status thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) : The Directorate of Enforcement is conducting investigation in this matter with the authorities concerned in several countries.