GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3919 ANSWERED ON:31.07.2009 OFF-BUDGET EXPENDITURE Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of off- budget expenditure incurred in each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the proportion of such expenditure to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during the same period; and
- (c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to correct the situation in future?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The amount of below the line financing through Special Securities in lieu of subsidies, commonly referred to as off-budget expenditure, incurred in each of the last three years and the proportion of such expenditure to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the said period is as under:

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Year Amount of off-budget expenditure Proportion to the (GDP)

2006-07 40,361 0.98%

2007-08 38,050 0.81%

2008-09 97,019 1.79%

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These expenditure are not accounted State-wise hence State-wise figures are not available.

(c): The accounting of the Special Securities on account of Oil, Food, Fertilizer bonds, which are currently shown below the line, is consistent with past practice. As a first step, these liabilities are being clearly shown in the "Budget at a Glance". Having recognised the need to bring these off-budget borrowings into fiscal accounting, the Government, while referring the matter of fiscal consolidation to the Thirteenth Finance Commission, has requested the Commission to consider these liabilities while suggesting a fiscal adjustment roadmap.