GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7232 ANSWERED ON:21.05.2012 TARIFF COMMISSION Singh Chaudhary Lal;Sivaprasad Shri Naramalli

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of studies undertaken by the Tariff Commission during the last three years alongwith expenditure incurred on the said study;
- (b) whether the non-plan expenditure in respect of Tariff Commission has been increasing tremendously during the last three years; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to reduce the non-plan expenditure?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) 71 studies have been completed by the Tariff Commission during the last three years. The year wise details of studies are at Annexure. Tariff Commission does not charge its clients for the studies done by it. The expenditure is met from the Non-Plan budgetary allocation of the Tariff Commission. The details of expenditure incurred during the last three years are given below:

(Rs. In crore)

2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

Plan expenditure 0 0 0

Non-Plan expenditure 6.36 6.27 6.55

Total 6.36 6.27 6.55

(b) & (c): There is a marginal increase of 4.5% in expenditure during 2011-12 over the last year. Major portion of the Non-plan expenditure goes towards payment of pay and allowances. The increase is due to revision in pay scales as per Sixth Pay Commission's recommendations and increase in studies conducted by the Commission. Instructions on Economy Measures and Rationalization of Expenditure issued by the Department of Expenditure from time to time are scrupulously followed by the Commission.