

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN PLAN EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has announced 10 percent reduction in the Plan expenditure in view of poor economic scenario;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that a large number of Ministers and officers of the Central Government have performed foreign visits during 1 May, 2012 to 31 July, 2012 after the announcement;
- (d) If so, the details of expenses incurred on their visits; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to check such expenses?

Answer

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

(a):Nosir.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (e) : Foreign travel is to be undertaken based on functional requirements and international commitments. As a part of economy measures, all Ministries/Departments have been advised to restrict foreign travel to the barest minimum for most necessary and unavoidable official engagements. Data on expenses incurred on visits by Ministers and officers is not maintained centrally.