

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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EXTERNAL DEBT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of outstanding external debt of the country as on date;
- (b) the position of the country among the indebted countries of the world;
- (c) the per capita external debt as on date;
- (d) the total amount of money paid to the lending countries as principal amount and as interest during each of the last three years, country-wise and institution-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to curtail the debt burden of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) India's total external debt was US\$ 365,315 million at end-September 2012.
- (b) According to the World Bank's 'International Debt Statistics 2013' which contains the debt numbers for the year 2011 and has a time lag of two years, showed that in 2011 India was in fourth position in terms of absolute external debt stock, among the top 20 debtor developing countries.
- (c) As per estimates the per capita external debt was Rs.14,687 in the year 2011-12.
- (d) Estimates of institution and country-wise payment of principal and interest on Government Account under External Assistance during the last three years are given below:

Table: External Debt Service Payments on Government Account (US\$ million)

	2009-10		2010-11 PR		2011-12 QE					
	Princi- pal	Inte- rest	Total pal	Princi rest	Total pal	Princi rest	Total pal	Inte- rest	Total	
External Debt on Govt. Account (A+B)		2471	802	3273	2634	706	3340	2667	687	3354
A Multila- teral (1to6)	1386	432	1818	1528	317	1845	1545	314	1859	
1 ADB	135	100	235	182	53	235	213	46	259	
2 EEC	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	
3 IBRD	388	126	514	474	70	544	469	69	538	
4 IDA	849	203	1052	858	191	1049	849	196	1045	
5 IFAD	11	3	14	11	3	14	11	3	14	
6 OPEC	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	

B Bilateral (7to12)	1085	370	1455	1106	389	1495	1122	373	1495
7 Germany	106	24	130	93	28	121	114	30	144
8 France	56	11	67	47	9	56	44	8	52
9 Japan	699	262	961	733	280	1013	737	271	1008
10 Russian Federa- tion	162	60	222	184	61	245	193	55	248
11 Switzer- land	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
12 USA	61	13	74	48	11	59	33	9	42

PR: Partially Revised; QE: Quick Estimates. ADB: Asian Development Bank EEC: European Economic Community IBRD: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development IDA: International Development Association IFAD: International Fund for Agricultural Development OPEC: Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

(e) The external debt management policy followed by the Government of India emphasizes monitoring of long and short term debt, raising sovereign loans on concessional terms with long maturities, regulating external commercial borrowings through end-use and all-in-cost restrictions and rationalizing interest rates on Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Deposits. As a result, external debt has remained at manageable level as indicated by the Debt-GDP ratio of 19.7 per cent and the debt service ratio of 6.0 per cent in 2011-12.