## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:526 ANSWERED ON:03.05.2013 SERVICE TAX EVASION Adhi Sankar Shri ;Sugavanam Shri E.G.

## Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of revenue earned through collection of service tax during the last three years and the targets fixed in this regard for the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to create a separate intelligence unit to check the menace of service tax evasion and leakage of revenue;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the collection of service tax in the country?

## **Answer**

MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRIP. CHIDAMBARAM)

(alto fd): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha starred question no.526 raised by Shri. Adhi Sankar M.P. and Shri E.G. Sugavanam, M.P. for answer on 03rd May 2013(Friday) captioned `Service tax evasion` Reply to Part (a): Sir, the amount of revenue earned through collection of service tax during the last three years is as follows:

Year Service tax collections (Rupees Crore)

2010-11 71,016.

2011-12 97,509

2012-13# 1,32,007

#Provisional figure

For the current year 2013-14, a target of Rupees 1, 80,141 Crore has been fixed.

Reply to part (b): No.

Reply to part fc): Does not arise, in view of reply to (b) above.

Reply to part (d): To boost the collection of service tax in the country, the

following steps are taken / proposed to be taken:

- (i) surveys are conducted by the field officers, to identify potential tax payers;
- (ii) information is obtained from other Government departments/agencies about service providers and persons liable to pay service tax;
- (iii) cases are booked against unregistered service providers and defaulters;

- (iv) seminars and publicity campaigns are organized, to raise tax payer awareness;
- (v) introduction of the Voluntary Compliance Encouragement Scheme 2013 to bring non-declarants into tax net.