

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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AUSTERITY MEASURES  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Non-Plan expenditure both revenue and capital is on the rise, in recent times;
- (b) if so, the details of such expenditure for the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to curtail such expenditure; and
- (d) the estimated amount of revenue likely to be saved as a result of the austerity measures taken by the Government?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The details of non-plan expenditure during the last three years i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 (Provisional Actuals) and 2013-14 (BE) are as under:

(Rs.crore )

	Actuals	BE		
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13#	2013-14
Revenue	726491	812049	912899	992908
Capital	91808	79941	82240	117067
Total	818299	891990	995139	1109975
As % of GDP	10.5%	9.9%	9.9%	9.8%

# Provisional Actuals.

Therefore, while the non plan expenditure has gone up in absolute terms over the last three years, however, as a percentage of GDP, it has shown declining trend.

(c): Government is committed to carry on the process of fiscal consolidation vigorously. In order to adhere to the fiscal targets set under fiscal consolidation roadmap, as recommended by the Vijay Kelkar Committee, Government has been closely monitoring the progress of expenditure through Monthly Expenditure Plan under cash management system and taken necessary steps to remain within the budgeted provisions.

(d): Steps have been taken for greater fiscal discipline and the estimated amount of revenue likely to be saved as a result of the measures taken by the Government may not be quantifiable.