

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CASES OF TAX EVASION

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the cases of tax evasion detected during the last three years and the current financial year, category-wise;
- (b) whether information like the details of demand orders issued, amount of duties involved therein, number of cases dropped and the details of penalties imposed are maintained by the Government or its agencies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the monitoring mechanism put in place by the Government for monitoring the cases of recovery of taxes/duties filed by various departments functioning under the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC)?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRIJ.D. SEELAM)

(a): So far as cases of tax evasion of direct taxes are concerned, the Income Tax Department investigates violations of direct tax laws based on credible information relating to tax evasion through various measures which inter alia include scrutiny of returns, surveys and search & seizure actions. Collection of evidence of tax evasion from different sources leads to assessment of income as per provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Such assessments are subject to appellate processes prescribed under the Income Tax Act.:

The statistics for search, seizure and surveys in the last three financial years and current financial year upto 31st December, 2013 are as follows:-.

Search and Seizure Statistics									
Financial Year	No. Of Warrants executed	VALUE OF ASSETS SEIZED	OF ASSETS SEIZED	(In Rs. Crore)	Undisclosed income				
Year	executed	admitted (In Rupees.	Cash Jewellery	Other	Total	Crore)#			
assets									
2010-11	4852	440.28	184.15	150.55	774.98	10,849.16			
2011-12	5260	499.9	271.39	134.3	905.6	14017			
2012-13	3889	329.71	197.56	47.81	575.08	10291.61			
2013-14	3069	353.95	153.84	51.16	559.04	6610.66			
(Upto December, 2013)									

Survey Statistics				
Financial Year	No. of Surveys conducted	Total Detected	Undisclosed Income	
		(In Rupees Crore)		
2010-11	3911	5894.44		
2011-12	3706	6572.75		
2012-13	4630	19337.46		
2013-14	3263	6968.82		
(Upto Dec, 2013)				
# Figures are provisional				

(b) & (c): Details of proceedings conducted in specific cases are not put in public domain, in view of the provisions of the Income Tax, 1961, particularly section 138.

(d): Drive against tax evasion is a continuous and on-going exercise. Whenever credible information comes to the notice, appropriate action is taken under provisions of the direct tax laws and any undisclosed income detected is brought to tax. Penal provisions are invoked in appropriate cases, including levy of penalties and launching of prosecution. The Income Tax Department has put in place monitoring mechanism at various levels, inter-alia, through periodical reports, and inspections with a view to ensure that appropriate actions are taken in this regard.

Information with regard to reply to part (a) to (d) of the Question pertaining to cases of evasion of indirect taxes is being collected from

the Central Board of Excise & Customs and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.