

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2076  
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EXPENDITURE REFORMS COMMISSION  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Expenditure Reforms Commission headed by Shri K.P. Geetha Krishnan had gone in details into working of Government departments and came out with concrete plans to down-size several departments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has examined and accepted the recommendations; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Finance had set up the 'Expenditure Reforms Commission(ERC)' under the Chairmanship of Shri K.P. Geetha Krishnan on 28-02-2000 to find a solution to the problem of high rate of growth of non-developmental expenditure by the Government and to begin the process of downsizing the Government in a systematic way towards reducing the role and administrative structure of the Government. The ERC presented ten reports in all covering 36 Ministries/Departments/Organizations. Among other recommendations made relating to the staff strength, the ERC recommended abolition of around 42,000 posts. Against this, 26,581 posts have been abolished.