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Title : The Minister of Home Affairs made a statement regarding alleged discrepancies between the figures in budget documents.

MADAM SPEAKER: Statement by the Minister of Home Affairs, Shri P. Chidambaram.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Madam Speaker, yesterday, hon. Shrimati Sushma Swaraj referred to certain alleged discrepancies between the figures contained in the detailed Demand for Grants (Vol. 1) pertaining to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Expenditure Budget (Vol. 2). In particular, she mentioned three discrepancies:

- (i) Police;
- (ii) NSG; and
- (iii) Modernisation of Police Forces

She also referred to the relevant pages in both the documents.

I have examined the detailed Demand for Grants (Vol. 1) of MHA as well as the Expenditure Budget (Vol. 2). I would like to state categorically that there are no discrepancies. In the annexure to this Statement we have set out the relevant figures in two columns. The first column contains the figures from the Expenditure Budget (Vol. 2) which refer to the outlays net of recoveries and the figures are mentioned in crores of rupees. In the second column, we have set out the figures from the detailed Demand for Grants (Vol. 1) where recoveries are shown separately and the figures are in thousands of rupees.

A careful reading of the annexure will show that the final number in the two columns exactly match each other. There are, therefore, no discrepancies whatsoever.

To sum up, in the case of the Police, the figure is Rs. 33,809.86 crore; in the case of the NSG, the figure is Rs. 313.80 crore; and in the case of the Modernisation of Police Forces, the figure is Rs. 1413.60 crore.

I am grateful to Shrimati Sushma Swaraj for drawing my attention to the alleged discrepancies. It gave me an opportunity to satisfy myself once again that the Budget documents are carefully prepared by the Budget Division of the Department of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and I take this opportunity to record my appreciation of the work of the Budget Division.

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श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज (विदिशा): आपने माडर्नाइजेशन आफ पुलिस फोर्स के लिए 1,250 करोड़ रुपए कहे थे, लेकिन आज आप 1,413 करोड़ रुपए कह रहे हैं। कल जब आप बोल रहे थे, तो माडर्नाइजेशन आफ पुलिस फोर्स के लिए आपने 1,250 करोड़ रुपए की फीगर दी थी, तो मैंने कहा था कि 1,250 करोड़ रुपए हैं और दूसरे में 1,372 करोड़ रुपए हैं। आज यहां न 1,250 करोड़ है न 1,372 करोड़ है, आज एक नयी फीगर आ गयी है, 1,413 करोड़ रुपए की।

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Madam Speaker, may I respond? There are no new figures. In the course of the debate someone asked me as to what is the assistance to the States for the Modernisation of Police Force. Please look at the second page of the Annexure. The assistance to the States for the Modernisation of Police Force is indeed Rs. 1,250 crore. Assistance to the Union Territories is another Rs. 163 crore. If you add the two, it is Rs. 1,413 crore.

SHRI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Yesterdays figures are not reconciling with today's figures.

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