

IRD P	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Amount (Rs. in lakhs)			
(a) Released	2466.33	2506.29	2883.11
(b) Utilised	4026.36	4354.35	5574.60
(c) No. of families covered	132861	125810	119685
JRY			
Amount (Rs. in lakhs)			
(a) released by Central Government	16525.14	19023.26	22839.71
(b) utilised	17567.06	18332.34	21986.93
(c) lakh mandays of employment generated	588.64	385.44	460.74
IJRY			
Amount (Rs. in lakhs)			
(a) released by Central Government	4713.75	4713.75	1021.25
(b) utilised	1690.62	5413.68	2921.83
(c) lakh mandays of employment generated	62.66	114.23	64.15
EAS			
Amount (Rs. in lakhs)			
(a) released by Central Government	3525.00	8187.50	13713.50
(b) utilised	678.26	8024.38	12144.91
(c) lakh mandays of employment generated	32.12	177.45	268.74

The district-wise information on persons benefited is not maintained at the Central level.

All-weather Port at Gopalpur

11. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- whether Government have a proposal to set up an all-weather port at Gopalpur;
- whether there was also a proposal to upgrade the port as a major port; and
- if so, the steps taken to implement the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (c) The Government of Orissa have decided to develop Gopalpur Port to an all weather port in collaboration with Minerals and

Metals Trading Corporation Limited. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Orissa Government and Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Limited in this regard.

However, there is no proposal to declare Gopalpur Port as a major port.

Defence expenditure of neighbouring countries

12. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- the expenditure being incurred on defence by Pakistan, China and Bangladesh and how these compare with the expenditure being incurred by India;

(b) the requirements worked out and proposed by the defence forces to Government over the period of last three years and what has been the gap between these demands and actual grants released to the forces, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for not acceding to these demands particularly keeping in view the fact of our not having good relations with Pakistan and China?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) A statement is attached, (*see below*).

(b) and (c) The position during the last three years is as given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Expenditure
1993-94 (Actuals)	21845
1994-95 (Actuals)	23245
1995-96 (RE)	26879

The requirement of funds is estimated by the Ministry of Defence, in consultation with the Service Headquarters on the basis of anticipated, obligatory and contractual payments, regular and recurrent expenditure and new schemes under the ongoing modernisation programme of the Defence Services. The prevailing security environment and the current threat perception are taken into account. The requirement of funds is projected by the Ministry of Defence to the Ministry of Finance, which decides on the actual allocation for the year, keeping in view the overall availability of national resources, national security and the requirements of different sectors.

Statement

The Defence Expenditure as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), as per published information* available for India, China, Pakistan and Bangladesh is given below:—

Year	India	China	Pakistan	Bangladesh
1990-91	2.90	5.42	7.16	1.54
1991-92	2.65	5.52	7.74	1.31
1992-93	2.46	5.20	7.45	1.50
1993-94	2.43	5.53	6.49	1.53
1994-95	2.53	5.63	6.88	NA

*(Source : Asian Strategic Review—1994-95)

Indo-Russian arms deal

13. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the reports published in the Indian Express dated the 24th April, 1996 about the Indo-Russian \$ 3.5 billion arms deal, including the 152-mm self-propelled gun, Sukhoi 30 combat aircraft etc.;

(b) if so, the current status of these negotiations; and

(c) the commitments and payments made therein?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government is not aware of any arms deal, totalling US \$ 3.5 bn, with Russia. In the interest of national security and bilateral relations details of negotiations, commitments, payments, etc. cannot be disclosed.