

(d) if so, the details thereof along with action taken by SIU on these objections;

(e) the details of steps Government proposes to take to bring SIU in consonance with the current requirements of Departments/Ministries; and

(f) if the answer to part (e) above is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) yes, Sir.

(b) SIU is at present conducting studies in Rajya Sabha Secretariat and in Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO), New Delhi.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) Review of the staffing of Government establishments with a view to securing economy is one of the functions of the Department of Expenditure in Ministry of Finance under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961. The SIU in the Department of Expenditure, as a professional body, undertakes review of staffing strength in various types of Ministries/Departments, as per the laid down parameters, methods and procedures.

#### **Annual expenditure for rural welfare**

3395. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual expenditure on poor Indians as percentage of GDP on rural welfare during the last three Plans;

(b) whether it is a fact that this percentage has decreased from 0.51 per cent in the Tenth Plan (2002-07) to 0.42 per cent in Eleventh Plan (2007-09 and onwards); and

(c) the details of Government plans to rectify this and increase percentage to at least 1 per cent from 2010 onwards?

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

(a) No information is available on annual expenditure on poor Indians as percentage of GDP on rural welfare during the last three Plans. However, year-wise details of GDP at current price, expenditure (centre and states) on rural development and expenditure on rural development as percentage of GDP during last three Five Year Plans, starting from Eighth Five Year Plan are given in table below.

(b) and (c) It may be seen that expenditure on rural development as percentage of GDP was 0.95 per cent in the Eighth Plan, 0.80 per cent in Ninth Plan and 0.98 per cent in the Tenth Plan. In the first year of Eleventh Plan (2007-08) for which data is available, the expenditure on rural development has been already 1.02 per cent.

Year	GDP Current Market Price (Rs. crore)*	Expenditure on Rural Development (Centre and States) (Rs. Crore)**	Per cent
1992-93	752591	6297.80	0.84
1993-94	865805	8583.51	0.99
1994-95	1015764	10605.85	1.04
1995-96	1191813	11948.81	1.00
1996-97	1378617	12001.43	0.87
Eighth Plan	5204590	49437.40	0.95
1997-98	1527158	12966.20	0.85
1998-99	1751199	15474.91	0.88
1999-2000	1952035	16129.81	0.83
2000-01	2102314	14728.89	0.70
2001-02	2278952	17981.46	0.79
Ninth Plan	9611658	77281.27	0.80
2002-03	2454561	23111.59	0.94
2003-04	2754620	26339.25	0.96
2004-05	3149407	26522.84	0.84
2005-06	3586743	36767.78	1.03
2006-07	4129174	44416.38#	1.08
Tenth Plan	16074505	112741.46	0.98
2007-08	4723400***	48264.41\$	1.02
2008-09			

\*Source: Economic Survey 2008-09.

\*\*Source: Indian Public Finance Statistics, Ministry of Finance.

\*\*\*Quick Estimates

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#### Agreement during G-20 Summit

3396. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agreement was arrived at during April 2009 G-20 Summit in London, to act against tax heavens, through the twin approach of naming those that do not conform to