

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir. The off-take of foodgrains from Central Pool during February, 1986 and March, 1986, were estimated at 14.66 lakh tonnes and 17.65 lakh tonnes respectively as against 10.92 lakh tonnes in February, 1985 and 11.36 lakh tonnes in March, 1985.

(b) and (c) Information regarding distribution of foodgrains through Fair Price Shops in rural areas separately is not available. Public distribution within the State including its coverage is the responsibility of the State Government.

5 per cent Economic cut in Expenditure

653. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether 5 per cent cut in the expenditure of various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India as a measure of economy has been effected ; and

(b) if so, what achievements have been made in this regard in the various Ministries / Departments (Ministry/Department-wise) during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) and (b) Instructions were issued to Ministries/Departments of the Government to effect a cut in the Central non-Plan expenditure by 3 per cent over the approved amounts for 1983-84. They were further advised to bring about 5 per cent cut in approved Plan outlays for the year 1983-84.

The Government continued to take necessary steps to curb inessential and non-productive expenditure during the 1984-85.

Instructions were again issued in September 1985 for effecting a cut of 5 per cent in the non-plan expenditure voted by Parliament for the year 1985-86. The figures of savings reported by each Ministry/Department etc., over the voted non-Plan expenditure for the year 1985-86 are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

(Rs. in crores)

Name of Ministry/Department	Savings Reported (1985-86)
1	2
Agriculture and Cooperation (other than imported Fertilizers)	10.00
— Do. — (Imported Fertilizers)	150.00
Rural Development	0.32
Commerce	43.98
Textiles	19.70
Supply	6.68
Communications	0.05
Post	61.00

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Telecommunications	32.00
Defence	435.00
Education	14.83
Environment	0.36
Forests & Wild Life	0.29
External Affairs	6.75
Finance	18.59
Audit	6.00
Food	2.15
Civil Supplies	0.18
Medical & Public Health	5.38
Home Affairs	8.95
Industry	3.24
Information & Broadcasting	6.13
Irrigation	1.82
Power	0.90
Labour	0.50
Law and Justice	1.79
Parliamentary Affairs	0.01
Petroleum	0.30
Planning and Statistics	0.29
Science & Technology	8.49
Shipping & Transport	15.20
Steel	4.00
Mines	4.41
Coal	9.02
Tourism and Civil Aviation	0.36
Works and Housing	15.00
Atomic Energy	2.91
Culture	1.24
Electronics	0.20
Ocean Development	0.40
Space	0.96

TOTAL :

894.13