

- (c) No such instance has been reported from Nagpur Region.
- (d) Does not arise, in view of reply at (c) above.

Reduction of service tax

3007. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that service tax in India is very high and is burden on common man;
- (b) if so, the complete details of service tax increase during the last ten years; and
- (c) the steps that Government proposes to take to reduce service tax in future on various items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Sir, with effect from the 1st day of April, 2012, rate of service tax is twelve per cent (excluding education cesses). This compares favorably with tax rates in many other countries.

(b) Details of service tax increase during the last ten years, is given in the Statement (See below).

- (c) No such steps are proposed.

Statement

Service tax rates

Period	Rate of service tax (percentage)
01.07.1994 to 13.05.2003	5 (without any input tax credit)
14.05.2003 to 09.09.2004	8 (with cenvat credit on input services)
10.09.2004 to 17.04.2006	10 (with cenvat credit on both goods and services)
18.04.2006 to 23.02.2009	12
24.02.2009 to 31.03.2012	10
01.04.2012 onwards	12