(ix) Stun Oleoresin Grenades.

(x) P-7 Parachute System

(xi) P-7 Platform System.

5. The total allocation to DRDO during the various Budget stages for the last three years is as under :

(₹ in crores)

Year	Budget Estimate Approved	Revised Estimate Approved	Modified Appropriation Approved
2012-13	10635.56	9841.93	9884.94
2013-14	10610.17	10930.17	10934.17
2014-15	15282.92	13447.19	13716.14
2015-16	14358.49	-	-

Introduction of semi closed PPI-MTS

1667. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to introduce a separate category of semi closed Prepaid Payment Instruments for Mass Transit System (PPI-MTS);

(b) whether it is also a fact that PPI-MTS can be used within the Mass Transit System and will have minimum validity of six months from the date of issue; and

(c) whether the RBI has invited comments and suggestions on PPI-MTS, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA) : (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) *vide* its circular dated 09.07.2015 has introduced a new scheme of semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instrument for Mass Transit System (PPI-MTS). Apart from the Mass Transit System, the PPI-MTS can be used at other merchants whose activities are allied to or are carried on within the premises of the transit system. The PPI-MTS will have minimum validity of six months from the date of issue. RBI has further informed that draft guidelines for Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) for Mass Transit System was placed on its website on May 28, 2015 and comments and feedback were invited on it upto June 15, 2015.

Steps taken to curtail expenses of Central Government Organisations

†1668. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Central Government has taken or proposes to take any steps for Central Ministries, Departments and Undertakings to curtail expenses on publicity, advertisement, hospitality refreshment, inauguration ceremony, seminar, conference, tours and STD/ISTD telephone bills and other office expenses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and (b) Instructions exists on measures to be adopted by Central Ministries, Departments and undertakings to curtail expenses on none developmental expenditure, fiscal prudence and economy. The instructions *inter-alia* include10% cut in Non Plan expenditure, holding of seminars, con ences, purchase of vehicles, domestic and international travel, creation of posts, observance of discipline in fiscal transfer to States, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies at Central, State/Local Level, balanced pace of expenditure etc.

Agriculture sector lending targets in Maharashtra

1669.SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agriculture sector lending targets of the Public Sector Banks in Maharashtra since 2010;

(b) what percentage of these targets have been achieved by the banks in the last three years, bank-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is planning to revamp the agriculture sector lending targets of the Public Sector Banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) and (b) The bank-wise details of the agriculture sector lending targets of banks in Maharashtra including the Public Sector Banks since 2010, along with the percentage of achievement, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Government has been setting an annual target for the flow of credit to the agriculture sector by banks, which has been fixed at ₹ 8,50,000 crore for 2015-16. The agency-wise details of the agriculture credit target for 2015-16 are as under:

(₹ in crore)

Agency	Crop Loan	Term Loan	Total
Commercial Banks	4,00,000	1,90,000	5,90,000
Cooperative Banks	1,05,000	35,000	1,40,000
RRBs	90,000	30,000	1,20,000
Total	5,95,000	2,55,000	8,50,000