

against the Revised Estimate (RE) fixed by the Union Government in the Financial Year 2014-15 are as under:

(₹ in crore)

Nature of Taxes	Revised Estimates	*Revenue Collected
Direct Taxes	705628	695797
Indirect Taxes	542325	544157

\*Provisional

There was a short fall of ₹9831 crore in collection of direct taxes against the R.E. 2014-15. However, collection in respect of indirect taxes shows a surplus collection of ₹ 1832 crore over R.E. 2014-15.

(d) There are 4.86 crore individual taxpayers on the records of the Income Tax Department for Assessment Year 2014-15.

#### **Norms for Gold Monetisation Scheme**

1681. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has finalized norms for Gold Monetisation Scheme; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) The scheme is at present in the draft stage and is yet to be approved.

#### **Education loan**

1682. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has issued directions to the public and private sector banks to lend educational loans to the students;
- (b) If so, the details thereof including the rate of interest;
- (c) whether the banks follow this specified rate of interest for giving educational loans to students;