

Table 3

(₹ in crores)

Calendar Year	Equity	Debt	Hybrid	Total
Total-2017	51,252	1,48,808	-11	2,00,048
Total-2018*	13,815	-1,413	15	12,420

*Data till March 26, 2018

Source: NSDL (<https://www.fpi.nsdl.co.in/web/Reports/Yearwise.aspx?RptType=6>)

Foreign capital flows, including FPI investments in Indian Securities, are an important source for funding the current account deficit, adding liquidity to the financial markets and creating demand for securities issued domestically by Government and private entities. Nevertheless, recognizing that there are macro-economic risks in allowing unhindered debt flows on account of their volatile nature, attendant global spillover risks and the cost of managing these flows, appropriate prudential measures to limit such flows within prudential limits have been put in place. These include restrictions on the eligible securities that an FPI can invest, limits for purchase of shares, government securities and corporate bonds, minimum maturity restrictions for purchase of debt securities and priority to long term investors.

Purchase of farm stubble by NTPC

*378. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited has proposed to buy farm stubble from the farmers for its power plants;

(b) if so, the details of the quantity of stubble proposed to be bought and the amount allocated for the States of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the estimated power that will be generated by using stubble as fuel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI R.K. SINGH): (a) and (b) Farm stubble cannot be used directly in power plants. It can be used in power plants after it is converted into biomass pellets and torrefied biomass pellets/briquettes of specified quality and co-firing up to 10% of such briquettes along with coal.

NTPC has invited tenders for procurement of 1000 Tonnes per day (TPD) biomass pellets (500 TPD of non-torrefied pellets and 500 TPD of torrefied pellets) for power generation at NTPC Dadri Power plant. Notice Inviting Tenders (NITs) for the same were published on 30.01.2018 in leading newspapers. Technical bids have been received.

The procurement of biomass pellets and torrefied biomass pellets/briquettes is through open domestic bidding. Bidders from anywhere in the country can participate in the bid. The bids shall be evaluated on the basis of price, including transport cost, quoted by the bidder.

(c) 1000 TPD of biomass pellets have potential to generate approximately 65 MW of power or 1.56 Million Units of electricity per day.

Increase in public expenditure on social sectors

†*379. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of effective steps have been taken to bring down the non-performing public expenditure during the last four years as a result of which the non-performing expenditure has substantially come down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a record increase in the public expenditure in social sectors during the last four years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Union Government has taken steps to improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy of expenditure. A major structural reform has been undertaken to bring the public schemes and projects under a monitorable Output-Outcome framework. Since 2017-18, in addition to the financial outlays of schemes of the Ministries being indicated in the Budget document, the expected outputs and outcomes of the schemes are also prepared and presented separately by each Ministry in the form of Outcome Budget. These outlays, outputs and outcomes are presented to the Parliament in measurable terms, bringing-in greater accountability for the agencies involved in the execution of government schemes and projects.

(c) and (d) The actual expenditure for last four years in social sector, which includes Health, Education, Minority, SC, ST, differently abled, Women, Child and Youth, has shown an increasing trend, as shown below:—

2013-14	₹ 132997.09 crore
2014-15	₹ 133414.48 crore
2015-16	₹ 135542.70 crore
2016-17	₹ 145642.29 crore

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.