

Allocation of special fund for Tamil Nadu

3736. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether special fund is allocated to Tamil Nadu due to the financial crisis that exists in the State;

(b) if not, whether it would be feasible to allocate the entire amount collected through small savings from the State; and

(c) the details of small savings from Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the announcement made by Finance Minister in his Budget speech for 2002-03, 100% of net proceeds of small savings will be transferred to State beginning April, 2002 subject to 20% being utilized by the State to retire high interest bearing debt of the past.

(c) In 2001-02, a sum of Rs. 1487.91 crores was transferred to Government of Tamil Nadu against 80% of net small savings collection in that State.

Control over Government expenditure

3737. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to contain expenditure the Ministry of Finance has decided to ask all Government departments and Ministries to submit quarterly expenditure reports detailing all expenses and pointing out deviations from planned expenditure schedule;

(b) what other steps have been taken to lessen Government expenditure; and

(c) other details in this regard?