

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1468
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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether to minimise wasteful expenditures in Government Departments the Ministry of Finance have identified certain sectors in various Government Departments where wasteful expenditure is maximum;
- (b) if so, the details of such sectors under the Ministry of Small Scale Industries which have been identified by Finance Ministry for the purpose and quantum of wasteful expenditure identified therein during each of the last three years as on December 31,2001; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken so far by his Ministry to curtail/stop such wasteful expenditure, if any?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): In order to curb wasteful expenditure, instructions for austerity in Government expenditure are issued by the Ministry of Finance Department of Expenditure to all the Ministries/Departments from time to time. The austerity measures include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restrictions on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and entertainment /hospitality expenses, reduction in per diem allowance for travel abroad etc.

The instructions are followed by the Ministries of Small Scale Industries also. Besides, major recommendations of the Expenditure Reform Commission (ERC) in this connection for the Ministry of SSI have also been implemented.