

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3559
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BUDGET GRANT FOR GOVERNMENT OF INDIA STATIONERY OFFICES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sufficient budget is not allocated to the Government of India stationery offices for their depots at New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata to meet the demand of indentors;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount allocated for each of such depot for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;
- (d) whether the Government propose to increase the budget grants;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the extent of losses suffered by the Government for the purchase of stationery articles from the open market during each of the last three years;
- (g) the names of the agencies etc., who benefited due to open market policies of the Government; and
- (h) the remedial measures contemplated by the Government to stop such wasteful expenditure in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The allocation is not sufficient to meet the entire demand of indentors. Although Government of India Stationery Office (GISO) makes higher demands, the allocation is madetaking into consideration the trend of the actual expenditure for previous years.

(c):	2002-2003	-	Rs.28.78 crore
	2003-2004	-	Rs.24.07 crore

Consolidated budget grants are allocated to the GISO, Kolkata and its Regional Depots. Budget grants are not allocated separately for each depot.

(d)&(e): Any increase in budget grant can be considered after the decision of the Committee of Secretaries for continuation of the Organisation itself.

(f): GISO is a service Department. It does not run on commercial basis. Thus, there is no question of any profit or loss.

(g): As per its mandate, GISO supplies Stationery items to Ministries/Departments according to their indents. However, purchases from outside GISO can be made by Ministries/Departments after obtaining a non-availability certificate from GISO and after satisfying the requisite conditions for making purchases from open market.

(h): Does not arise in view of (f) & (g) above.