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COLLECTION OF TAXES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the direct tax collections showed 20 per cent increase as against 8 per cent by indirect tax collections during the current financial year so far;
- (b) if so, the reasons for less collection of indirect tax;
- (c) the targets fixed for both direct and indirect tax collections during the current fiscal;
- (d) whether the targets are likely to be achieved; and
- (e) if so, the details and if not, the reasons for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): As on 30.10.2003, the direct taxes showed an increase of 18.6% over the collection of corresponding period of last year whereas there is an increase of 9.56% in respect of indirect taxes.

(b) It is not possible to compare the growth of indirect taxes with that of direct taxes as the coverage of central excise is limited to manufacturing sector only, service tax is imposed on specific services and customs duty is realized from import of goods only. Direct taxes, on the other hand, cover all sectors which may or may not be covered by indirect taxes.

(c) The following amounts have been fixed as targets during the current fiscal:

Direct Taxes	Rs. 95714 crores
Indirect Taxes	Rs.154861 crores

(d) & (e) Direct taxes targets are likely to be achieved. All possible steps are being taken to achieve the targets set for indirect taxes.