

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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INVESTIGATION WING OF INCOME TAX
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to downsize the investigation wing of the Income Tax Department;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) and (b) : Government is considering to reduce the manpower at different levels presently deployed for search & seizure activities of the Income Tax Department. Extent of such downsizing is being worked out. The manpower so released will be utilised for other productive activities. The Government places highest emphasis on voluntary tax compliance so that the need for taking unpleasant action is reduced to the barest minimum.