

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5095  
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MEDIA CELL IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Ministry of Finance have decided to set up a media Cell of its own;
- (b) if so; the reasons therefor alongwith likely expenditure on the Cell and staff strength;
- (c) whether the Indian Information Services is unable to do the job: and
- (d) if not, the fresh steps taken by Government to minimise the expenditure in view of its own direction of 10% reduction in expenditure?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

- (a) No such proposal is at present under consideration.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Indian Information Service officers posted in the Press Information Bureau are fully capable and qualified to do the job.
- (d) Containing non-plan and non-developmental expenditure has been the constant endeavour of the Government and with this end in view, a number of measures have been taken relating, inter-alia, to restriction on creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned posts, restriction on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restriction on purchase of vehicles, restriction on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses, restriction on STD/1SD facility, restriction on number of free calls on official residential telephones, etc.