

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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LIABILITIES OF UNION GOVERNMENT NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of outstanding liabilities of the Union Government and the State Governments of the North Eastern Region and Sikkim during the last three financial years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the liabilities of the Union Government both internal and external which registered a declining trend as proportion of the GDP till 1998-99 have started rising thereafter; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for the same with the measures that have been taken by the Government to reduce such liabilities?

Answer

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

- (a) The total outstanding liabilities of the Union Government has increased from Rs. 1168541 crore in 2000-01 to Rs. 1561876 crore in 2002-03 (Revised Estimate). During the same period, the outstanding liabilities of State Governments of the North Eastern Region and Sikkim is estimated to increase from Rs. 19860 crore to Rs. 26238 crore.
- (b) The external liabilities of the Union Government as proportion of GDP have shown secular decline since 1991-92. However, internal liabilities have been increasing since 1996-97.
- (c) The liabilities of the Government have increased as growth in expenditure has outpaced the growth in non-debt receipts. Government has been following a comprehensive strategy to moderate growth in non-developmental expenditure and augment its receipts.