

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:675  
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RESOURCE CRUNCH IN MAHARASHTRA  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Maharashtra Government is facing a resource crunch and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government of Maharashtra have sought assistance from the Union Government to overcome the financial stress; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government have considered the proposal favourably?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a): It is true that Maharashtra Government is running large revenue and fiscal deficits. Revenue Deficit and Fiscal Deficit in 2003-04 (RE) were Rs. 9037 crores and Rs. 19477 crores respectively. Despite such borrowings, plan outlay for 2003-04 (LE) was only Rs. 12415.19 crores.
- (b): Yes, Government of Maharashtra has sought to borrow more.
- (c): Government of India has not agreed to allow borrowing over and above debt ceiling fixed for the State under Medium Term Fiscal Reform Programme (MTFRP).