

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNDER UTILIZATION OF BUDGETED AMOUNTS  
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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been substantial under utilization of the budgeted amounts under the Head 'Improvement of National Accounts Statistics' during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make efforts to provide realistic budget estimates; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a) & (b): During 2003-04, the actual expenditure under the head was Rs. 1.29 crore against the BE of Rs. 1.86 crore and RE of Rs. 1.60 crore. The expenditure was less mainly under the object heads

(i) foreign travel expenses,

(ii) professional services, due to non-receipt of appropriate proposals, and

(iii) machinery and equipment, due to fall in prices. During 2004-05, the actual expenditure under the head was Rs. 0.77 crore, against the RE of Rs. 0.89 crore and BE of Rs. 0.99 crore. The expenditure was marginally less mainly due to saving under foreign travel, and in the study conducted by the Ministry of Agriculture.

(c) and (d): The budget estimates for the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 have been provided realistically keeping in view the expenditure required for fulfilling the objectives of the Plan Scheme. During 2005-06, against the BE of Rs. 1.25 crore, the actual expenditure so far has been over Rs. 0.86 crore and BE is expected to be met. For the year 2006-07, the BE proposed is Rs. 1.38 crore.