

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the shortage of manpower in the Income Tax Department has affected the budgetary target fixed for tax collections during the current year;
- (b) If so, the target fixed for various tax collections during the current year and the actual collections so far; and
- (c) The steps being taken to appoint sufficient manpower in the Tax Department?

Answer

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

(a) Sir, the shortage of manpower has affected tax collections in the last financial year. However though the collections are much higher during the current financial year, with adequate manpower it would have been much better when compared to corresponding period of last year. The collection under Corporate Income Tax and Personal Income Tax (including Fringe Benefit Tax, Securities Transaction Tax and Banking Cash Transaction Tax) upto 31st July, 2006 of the current financial year are 61.35% higher as compared to the collections under these Heads during the corresponding period of preceding year.

(b) The target fixed for various tax collections during the current financial year are asunder:

Rs. (in crore)		
Taxes	Target fixed	Actual collection
	(upto 31.07.06)	
Corporate Income Tax	1,33,010	19,553

Personal Income Tax (Including Fringe Benefit Tax, Securities Transaction Tax and Banking Cash Transaction Tax)	77,409	16,528
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Total	2,10,419	36,081
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(c) The shortage of manpower in the Income Tax Department is being addressed by starting the process of recruitment for 3,300 posts sanctioned some time ago. Further, an exercise was undertaken to assess the comprehensive requirement of manpower on account of new areas of work arising out of enactment of new laws and information generated through computerization. The Department is in the process of augmenting manpower resources and has initiated steps in this direction. Formal sanction of new posts proposed will take some time.