**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE**

**LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1508**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, 04TH JULY, 2019**

**EXPENDITURE ON CONDUCTING GENERAL ELECTION**

1508. DR. SANTANU SEN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure has exponentially risen for conducting general election of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of amount spent on conducting each general election in the country since independence;

(d) whether Government has proposed any plan for reducing the cost of general election in the country; and

 (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

 (a), (b), (d) and (e): As per standing instructions on the subject, the entire expenditure on actual conduct of elections to Lok Sabha is to be borne by the Government of India and such expenditure on conduct of election to state legislatures, by the respective State Governments, when such elections are held independently. Further, in case these elections are held simultaneously, the expenditure is borne by the concerned State Governments and Central Government on 50:50 basis.

The fund for conduct of elections is released to the respective state governments on provisional basis and the election accounts are finally settled when the Accountant General of the State/Union Territory concerned issues the necessary Audit/Expenditure certificates after assessing the Government of India’s share of such sharable expenditure.

(c): As per information provided by the Election Commission, the details of expenditure incurred in each General Election are as under:-

**Election Expenditure by Central Government (towards States/UTs having Legislature) for Lok Sabha Elections**

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| Year of Election | Expenditure incurred (Provisional) (in Rs.) |
| 1952 | 10,45,00,000 |
| 1957 | 5,90,00,000 |
| 1962 | 7,32,00,000 |
| 1967 | 10,79,69,000 |
| 1971 | 11,60,87,450 |
| 1977 | 23,03,68,000 |
| 1980 | 54,77,39,000 |
| 1984-1985 | 81,51,34,000 |
| 1989 | 1,54,22,00,000 |
| 1991-92 | 3,59,10,24,679 |
| 1996 | 5,97,34,41,000 |
| 1998 | 6,66,22,16,000 |
| 1999 | 9,47,68,31,000 |
| 2004 | 10,16,08,69,000 |
| 2009 | 11,14,38,45,000 |
| 2014 | 38,70,34,56,024 |

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