

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2588

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021/ 30 AGRAHAYANA, 1943

(SAKA)

RESTRAINT SPENDING IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES

2588. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- a. whether it is a fact that Government is restraining spending of various Ministries as per the latest data made available by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA);
- b. if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- c. whether it is also a fact that the Ministries of Minority Affairs and Social Justice and Empowerment have one of the lowest spending in this financial year;
- d. if so, the reasons for such lowest spending in these two Ministries; and
- e. how Government is planning to spend the remaining amount of allocations as per the current budget targets?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) Ministry of Minority Affairs and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have spent about 21% and 10% of their respective Budget Estimates of 2021-22, upto October, 2021. Major expenditure of these Ministries is on scholarship schemes. The process of implementation of scholarship schemes is such that the national scholarship portal, a common portal for various Ministries, through which these schemes are implemented, opens for accepting online application in July-August of the financial year and the verification process continues till December. Hence, the majority of expenditure happens during second half of the financial year.
- (e) Ministries/Departments spend funds allocated to them as per their Monthly Expenditure Plan (MEP) and Quarterly Expenditure Plan (QEP).
