GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1811

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY THE 19^{TH} DECEMBER, 2023/ AGRAHAYANA 28, 1945 (SAKA)

Growth in the gross total income of individuals across different income groups

1811. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a robust growth in the gross total income of individuals across different income groups since 2018 onwards, if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and
- (b) whether this has been reflected in the increase in Net Direct tax collections since 2018, if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and
- (c) how Government is using such tax collection and for what purpose particularly in the interests of the general public and its related projects?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) As per the income tax return data, there is a robust growth in the gross total income of individual taxpayers across different income groups from Assessment Year 2018-19 to Assessment Year 2021-22 and the same is at Annexure A.

(b) The overall impact has been reflected in increase in net direct tax collections from Rs. 10.03 lakh crores in F.Y. 2017-18 to Rs. 16.64 lakh crores in F.Y. 2022-23. The year-wise details of net direct tax collections are as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

Financial Year	Net Direct Tax Collection		
FY 2017-18	10,02,738		
FY 2018-19	11,37,718		
FY 2019-20	10,50,681		
FY 2020-21	9,47,176		
FY 2021-22	14,12,422		
FY 2022-23#	16,63,686		

Source: Pr. CCA (CBDT)

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(c) Government has carefully balanced expenditure requirements and have allocated expenditure in the interest of general public and the development needs of the country. In recent years, the Government has adopted a pragmatic approach of improving the quality of expenditure by enhancing the capital spending and re-prioritising revenue expenditure. To provide support to the vulnerable sections of society during the pandemic and the sudden outbreak of the geopolitical conflict, the Government enhanced the food and fertiliser subsidy requirement to support the people and ensure macroeconomic stability.

To further ensure food security, the new Integrated Food Security Scheme named Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana has been launched to provide free food grains to Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Primary Household beneficiaries for a period of five years with effect from 1st January 2024. In October 2023, the Government also increased the subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana from ₹200 to ₹300 per 14.2 kg cylinder.

The Government has also enhanced its spending on various social services¹ with a focus on many aspects of the social well-being of citizens of the country. The share of expenditure on social services in the total expenditure of the Government has been around 25 per cent during FY18 to FY20. It increased to 26.6 per cent in FY23 (BE).

In addition to ensuring the basic safety nets for the vulnerable, the Government has emphasised on enhancing productive domestic capital expenditure. The central government capital expenditure has increased from ₹4.1 lakh crore in 2020-21 to ₹10 lakh crore in 2023-24 (BE). The capital expenditure will give a boost to investments in the country and help generating job-oriented economic growth.

¹ Social services include education, sports, art, and culture; medical and public health, family welfare; water supply and sanitation; housing; urban development; the welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs, labour and labour welfare; social security and welfare, nutrition, relief on account of natural calamities, etc.

Gross total income of Individual taxpayers across different income groups from A.Y. 2018-19 to A.Y. 2021-22

Assessment Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Range (in INR)	Sum of Gross Total Income (In Crore INR)	Sum of Gross Total Income (In Crore INR)	Sum of Gross Total Income (In Crore INR)	Sum of Gross Total Income (In Crore INR)
>0 and <=10,00,000	21,14,001	23,62,048	24,44,466	26,06,265
>10,00,000 and <=25,00,000	6,43,521	7,54,600	8,43,254	9,21,062
>25,00,000	6,57,375	7,97,651	8,59,414	9,33,736
Total	34,14,897	39,14,300	41,47,135	44,61,063

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- 1. Gross Total Income is the income before chapter VI-A deduction as computed in the "Computation of total income" schedule of return of income.
- 2. The "Sum of Gross Total Income" is the sum of Gross Total Income of all returns within the value range slab. Source: Income Tax Return Statistics as available on the Income Tax website