

**Government of India  
Ministry of Finance,  
Department of Economic Affairs**

**Rajya Sabha**

**Starred Question No. 43**

**To be answered on Tuesday, the 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

**Underutilization of budget allocation**

**QUESTION**

**\*43. Shri Sanjay Raut**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many Ministries could not utilise 20 per cent of its budget so far for 2023-24;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating Ministry-wise budget allocation and utilisation till 31st December, 2023 and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the amount utilised for the social sector for its various programme during the last three years and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF FINANCE  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*43 RAISED BY SHRI SANJAY RAUT FOR 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024 ON “UNDERUTILIZATION OF BUDGET ALLOCATION”**

(a) and (b) Ministry-wise budget allocation and utilisation till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 is placed at **Annexure**. Expenditure up to December does not necessarily indicate trends of expenditure, as bulk of expenditure under some schemes like scholarship schemes etc. happen in Q4 of a year. Some possible reasons for less expenditure are in ministries, if any, are:

- i. Date(s) of receipts of utilisation certificates from State Governments and Implementing Agencies
- ii. Unspent balances in the bank accounts of State Governments and Implementing Agencies
- iii. Releases under some schemes like scholarships take place in Q4 of the year
- iv. Stages of procurement process.

(c) Details of expenditure on Social Welfare from 2020-21 to 2022-23 is as under  
(₹ crore)

Year	Expenditure
2020-21	37,563
2021-22	40,595
2022-23	40,470

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## Annexure

<b>Ministry-wise utilisation of Budget allocation for FY 2023-24 (Upto Dec 2023)</b>			
<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the Ministry</b>	<b>RE</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure (Rs. in crore)</b>
		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>upto Dec 2023</b>
1	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare	126666	77898
2	Department of Atomic Energy	26800	19075
3	Ministry of Ayush	3000	1847
4	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers	192218	141410
5	Ministry of Civil Aviation	2922	1030
6	Ministry of Coal	189	146
7	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	12454	8418
8	Ministry of Communications	122749	89212
9	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution	222234	139251
10	Ministry of Cooperation	748	143
11	Ministry of Corporate Affairs	617	406
12	Ministry of Culture	3460	2145
13	Ministry of Defence	623889	445293
14	Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region	5892	850
15	Ministry of Earth Sciences	2879	1939
16	Ministry of Education	129718	59247
17	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology	14421	8001
18	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change	3231	2350
19	Ministry of External Affairs	29122	11368
20	Ministry of Finance	1627173	1076876
21	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	5615	1683
22	Ministry of Food Processing Industries	2912	1051
23	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	80518	55701
24	Ministry of Heavy Industries	6392	1919
25	Ministry of Home Affairs	200035	145996
26	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	69271	43443
27	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	4450	3315
28	Ministry of Jal Shakti	96550	64383
29	Ministry of Labour and Employment	12521	8907
30	Ministry of Law and Justice	9474	3888
31	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	22138	5104
32	Ministry of Mines	2837	1816
33	Ministry of Minority Affairs	2609	343
34	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy	7848	5690
35	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	984	777
36	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs	63	42

37	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions	2541	1594
38	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas	14757	2918
39	Ministry of Planning	514	199
40	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways	2395	1486
41	Ministry of Power	17635	9867
42	The President, Parliament, Union Public Service Commission and The Secretariat of The Vice-President	1744	1241
43	Ministry of Railways	243272	207646
44	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways	276349	228122
45	Ministry of Rural Development	172967	108919
46	Ministry of Science and Technology	12702	7848
47	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	3260	1333
48	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	11078	4638
49	Department of Space	11070	7663
50	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation	3961	1356
51	Ministry of Steel	55	33
52	Ministry of Textiles	3443	2067
53	Ministry of Tourism	1692	576
54	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	7605	3676
55	Ministry of Women and Child Development	25449	16372
56	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports	3397	2015
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4490485</b>	<b>3040531</b>