GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 232 ANSWERED ON – 04/02/2025

GST collections

232. SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHARY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of GST collected along with proportional contribution from the lowest income groups, middle-income groups and high-income groups in the last five years;

(b) whether Government is considering to ensure that GST does not unruly burden the economically weaker sections of society, given the disproportionate tax burden suggested by some independent reports;

(c) the steps taken to exempt or reduce GST on goods and services primarily consumed by the lower-income population; and

(d) whether Government has any plans to review the structure of GST and ensure that its implementation is fairer, particularly towards the disadvantaged sections of society?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) The details of gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection on all supplies (Domestic + Imports) during the last five financial years are given as under:

				(In Rs. Crores)		
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25 (till Dec, 2024)	
GST Collection (Domestic)	865,841	1,097,546	1,324,984	1,523,248	1,237,405	
Imports	270,964	385,746	482,695	495,001	396,161	
Total GST Collection	1,136,805	1,483,292	1,807,679	2,018,249	1,633,566	

However, the GST collection data of proportional contribution is not maintained.

(b), (c) & (d): Even though the rates in GST are independent of the economic status of the consumer, the GST rates have been structured in a manner that goods majorly used by the economically weaker sections are either exempt or have been kept at a lower rate. However, the GST rates and exemptions are prescribed on the recommendations of GST Council, which is a Constitutional body comprising of members from the Centre and the States/UTs, and based on the recommendations of the Council, amendments in the rates are carried out from time to time.