

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1836
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 16th DECEMBER, 2025
AGRAHAYANA 25, 1947 (SAKA)

Debt of Union Government

1836. Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of *Finance* be pleased to state:

- (a) the debt of the Union Government, Internal and External, year-wise for the last five years;
- (b) the Debt-to-GDP Ratio of the Union Government, year-wise during the last five years;
- (c) the amount spent on servicing of debt, year-wise during the last five years;
- (d) the estimated debt of the Union Government for 2025-26; and
- (e) the amount of debt availed so far in the current Budget year (2025-26), along with component wise details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of the Union Government debt, Internal and External for last five years ending on March 31 are as under:

Year	(Amount in ₹ lakh crore)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Internal Debt	115.71	132.08	148.64	163.74	177.2
External Debt	6.15	6.58	7.48	7.96	8.74

Note: External Debt is at current exchange rate. Internal Debt includes public account liabilities, other liabilities (EBR), etc. of the Central Government.
Data for FY 2024-25 is provisional.

(b): The details of the Union Government debt as per cent of GDP is as follows:

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Debt % of GDP	61.4	58.8	58.1	57.0	56.2

Data for FY 2024-25 is provisional.

(c): The details of amount spent on debt servicing (interest payment) by Union Government is as follows:

Year	(Amount in ₹ lakh crore)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Interest Payment	6.80	8.05	9.29	10.64	11.16

Data for FY 2024-25 is provisional.

(d): The Union Government debt including external debt at current exchange rate, EBRs and after adjusting cash balance was estimated at ₹ 200.16 lakh crore in BE 2025-26.

(e): Component wise details of debt availed in the current Budget year (2025-26) as on June 30, 2025 are as under:

	(₹ in lakh crore)
Internal Debt	3.72
External Debt	0.23
Public Account (other liabilities)	(-) 0.62
