GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 243
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 21st JULY, 2026
ASHADHA 30, 1948 (SAKA)

Debt burden of the country

243 Shri Dilip Kumar Ray:

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

(a) the debt burden of the country as on 31st March, 2026 and the projected debt burden by the end of the financial year 2026-27;

(b) out of the total debt burden, the amount of foreign debt as on 31st March, 2026 and the projected foreign debt burden by the end of the current financial year; and

(c) the interest and the principal paid on the loans by Government from the financial year 2020-21 to 2025-26 and the budget estimate in this regard during current financial year?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Debt of the Union Government as on 31st March, 2026 (provisional) and projected at the end of FY 2026-27 are as under:

Central Government's Debt as on 31st March (₹ in lakh crore)		
Financial Year	**FY 2025-26**	**FY 2026-27 (Budget Estimated)**
Liabilities (Debt)	201.17	218.63
External Debt*	9.89	9.64

Notes:
1. The liabilities as per the FRBM definition of debt are net of cash balance and cash investment. However, outstanding EBRs are added in liabilities.
2. External Debt is at current exchange rate.

(c): The details of the interest and principal amount paid (of dated Government Securities and External Loan) on loans from the FY 2020-21 are as under:

(₹ in lakh crore)

Financial Year	Interest Payment	Repayment
2020-21	6.80	2.62
2021-22	8.05	3.00
2022-23	9.29	3.53
2023-24	10.64	4.88
2024-25	11.16	4.16
2025-26 (provisional)	12.43	4.61
2026-27 (BE)	14.04	6.22

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