

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4886
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 2016
(AGRAHAYANA 25, 1938 (SAKA))**

VARIATION OF ESTIMATES

4886. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE (वित्त मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry is aware that there is a lot of upward/downward variation of funds at Budget Estimate (BE)/Revised Estimate (BE)/Actual Expenditure (AE) stages as suggested by the demands for grants committee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the department has approached the Government for increased allocation for the Consumer Awareness Scheme at the RE state for the current year?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) : Yes, Sir;

(b) : The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance made recommendations/observations in its Report on the Demands for Grants of Ministry of Finance for the year 2016-17 on variations between the Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual Expenditure of specific budget provisions. These observations were with reference to budget provisions made for National Social Security Fund for unorganized sector workers and for National Clean Energy Fund. Due to non-finalization of welfare schemes for unorganized workers by the administrative Ministry and the huge unutilized balances available under National Clean Energy Fund as on 1.4.2015, the provisions for these schemes were reduced in RE 2015-16. Standing Committee on Finance was explained of the reasons and rationale for the reductions in RE stage and the Standing Committee accepted the action taken notes of this Ministry on these observations.

(c) : The work relating to finalization of Budget for 2017-18 is in progress and the allocations for specific schemes for the current year will be reflected in RE 2016-17 in the budget documents for 2017-18.

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