Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Economic Affairs

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2409 TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH 2018 PHALGUNA 18, 1939 (SAKA)

'FISCAL DEFICIT'

Question

2409. ADV. SHRI M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) Whether the Government plans to borrow ₹2.08 lakh crore from the market in the second half of 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) Whether the Government has borrowed ₹3.72 lakh crore in the first half of 2017-18, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is committed to meet the fiscal deficit target of 3.2 per cent of GDP; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a & b): During the financial year 2017-18, an amount of ₹5.88 lakh crore has been raised through GoI dated securities. The break-up in first half (April-September, 2017) and second half (October, 2017- March, 2018) was ₹3.57 lakh crore and ₹2.31 lakh crore, respectively, as indicated in the Table given below:

Issuances of Gol dated securities during 2017-18	
Govt Securities Nomenclature	Amount (₹ crore)
6.51% Gol FRB,2024	60000.00
6.79% GS,2029	72000.00
6.57% GS,2033	37000.00
6.62% GS,2051	36000.00
6.84% GS,2022	61000.00
6.97% GS,2026	15000.00
7.73% GS,2034	36000.00
7.06% GS,2046	33000.00
7.72% GS,2055	17000.00
6.79% GS,2027	121000.00
6.68% GS,2031	66000.00
7.40% GS,2035	1000.00
7.17% GS,2028	33000.00
Total	588000.00

The government borrowing is as per the indicative market borrowing calendars issued during 2017-18.

(c & d): In the Revised Estimates (RE) 2017-18, fiscal deficit has been estimated at 3.5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as against 3.2 percent of GDP estimated in Budget Estimates (BE 2017-18).
