

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

LOK SABHA
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CURBING GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to save the money on advertisement, entertaining guests, catering, inaugural ceremonies, seminars, conferences, tours, STD/ISTD bills of telephone and other official expenditure ; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon as on date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) to (b): Yes Sir. Ministry of Finance issues detailed guidelines/instructions on fiscal prudence and economy measures to curtail non-developmental expenditure and releasing of additional resources for priority schemes from time to time which are available on its website.

The last economy instruction with the objective to promote fiscal discipline, without restricting the operational efficiency of the government was issued vide Department of Expenditure OM No. 7(1)/E.Coord/2014 dated 29.10.2014. This OM, *inter-alia*, imposes ban on holding seminars/conferences in five-star hotel, restriction on purchase of vehicles and regulates Domestic and International Travel etc. Department of Expenditure vide OM No. 7(3)/E.Coord/2013 dated 06.05.2015 has also fixed the rates for hosting lunch/Dinner/High tea etc. Department of Expenditure vide OM No. 24(5)/E.Coord/2012 dated 11.05.2012 has fixed the maximum monthly reimbursable amount towards charges on residential telephone/mobile phone/broadband/data card use (for internet purposes).
