

Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Economic Affairs

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4036

*To be answered on Friday, January 4, 2019/Pausha 14, 1940 (Saka)*

**FISCAL DEFICIT DUE TO GST SHORTFALL**

**4036. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the fiscal deficit target stood at 103.9 percent of the full year target for April-Oct. 2018 compared to 96.1 percent for the same last year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether shortfall in the collection of GST for the year 2018-19 poses a risk of meeting the budgeted fiscal deficit target for 2018-19;
- (c) if so, the details of the shortfall in GST collection in relation to Government decision for fiscal deficit target for the year 2018-19;
- (d) whether the Government has any intended plan to make up for the shortfall in GST collection, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the other measures taken by the Government to ensure that fiscal deficit target is met?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)**

(a) As per the provisional unaudited Statement of Monthly Accounts for the Month of October, 2018, the fiscal deficit as on 31st October, 2018 was ₹6,48,583 crore, which is 103.9 per cent of Budget Estimates (₹6,24,276 crore) for 2018-19. Fiscal Deficit at the end of October, 2017 was ₹5,25,321 crore which is 96.1 per cent of Budget Estimates for 2017-18.

Gross Tax Revenue (GTR) was ₹10,39,089 crore at the end of Oct, 2018 which is 45.7 per cent of BE 2018-19 (₹22,71,242 crore). GTR as a percentage of BE during the Corresponding Period of Previous Year (COPPY) was 50.9 per cent. Non Tax Revenue Receipts stood at ₹1,27,716 crore at the end of Oct, 2018 which is 52.1 per cent of BE 2018-19 (COPPY - 33 per cent of BE). Non-Debt Capital Receipts were ₹19,181 crore which is 20.8 per cent of BE 2018-19 (COPPY - 45.7 per cent). Total Expenditure at the end of Oct, 2018 was ₹14,56,593 crore which is 59.6 per cent of BE (COPPY - 60.2 per cent).

Fiscal deficit figure shown in monthly accounts during a financial year is not necessarily an indicator of fiscal deficit for the year as it gets impacted by temporal

mismatch between flow of not-debt receipts and expenditure up to that month on account of various transitional factors both on receipt and expenditure side, which may get substantially offset by the end of the financial year.

(b) & (c) The month-wise gross collection of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST), State Goods and Services Tax (SGST), Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) and Cess for FY 2018-19 are as under:

<b>Month</b>	<b>GST collection (in ₹ crore)</b>
April	1,03,459
May	94,016
June	95,610
July	96,483
August	93,960
September	94,442
October	100,710
November	97,637
December	94,726

(d) & (e) Fiscal deficit targets cannot be linked to shortfall in single revenue item. The Government undertakes many measures including the following to ensure that the fiscal targets as per the Act are met:

- (i) Close monitoring of the expenditure of all Ministries/ Departments to ensure that there is no parking of funds.
- (ii) Encouraging Ministries/Departments to meet their additional requirements for funds from Savings identified within their demands.
- (iii) Efforts to ensure that targets for non-debt receipts including tax receipts are achieved.

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