

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.† 4242**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2021  
Chaitra 1, 1943 (SAKA)

**Loan for Economic Recovery**

†4242. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) *whether the Government has taken any additional loan to improve the economy affected by the Coronavirus pandemic;*
- (b) *if so, the details thereof;*
- (c) *whether it has affected the fiscal management;*
- (d) *if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) *the details of policy measures taken by the Government to control the loss?*

**ANSWER**

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) To ensure adequate resources for managing the economy during the coronavirus pandemic, Gross Market Borrowings in 2020-21 was kept at ₹13.90 lakh crore in Revised Estimate 2020-21 compared to ₹7.80 lakh crore in Budget Estimate 2020-21. Of this amount, ₹1.10 lakh crore are to be provided to States and Union Territories as back-to-back loans in lieu of GST Compensation Cess shortfall. Total External Assistance, has been kept at ₹1,18,813 crore in Revised Estimate 2020-21 against the Budget Estimate 2020-21 of ₹57,557 crore.

(c) & (d) Due to the unprecedented nature of the Covid shock on economic growth and other fiscal parameters, the fiscal deficit target in Revised Estimate 2020-21 has been kept at 9.5% of GDP compared to 3.5% of GDP in Budget Estimate 2020-21.

(e) To reduce the loss in revenue on account of the Coronavirus pandemic, as mentioned in part (a & b) above, the Government increased its borrowings.

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