- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the economic trends in consumer spending in the wake of economic slowdown;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its outcome thereof; and
- (c) the likely impact of all this on economic growth?

## **ANSWER**

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- (a) & (b): As per the Central Statistics Office, the final consumption expenditure (at constant 2011-12 prices) increased from Rs. 6790253 crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 7222057 in 2014-15. The growth rate of final consumption expenditure at constant prices was 6.5 per cent and 6.4 per cent in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively. The final consumption expenditure (at constant 2011-12 prices) increased to Rs. 3799854 crore in first half of 2015-16 from Rs. 3571469 crore during the corresponding period of the previous year, recording a growth of 6.4 per cent.
- (c): The contribution of final consumption expenditure to GDP growth was 64.9 per cent in 2013-14 and 59.7 per cent in 2014-15. Corresponding to this, the contribution of fixed investment to GDP growth increased from 13.7 per cent in 2013-14 to 19.6 per cent in 2014-15.

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