

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *85**

TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018/Agrahayana 27, 1940 (Saka)

Release of balance revenue deficit of Andhra Pradesh

***85. SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that against the revenue deficit of Rs. 16087.76 crores, as certified by Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) the Ministry has approved only Rs. 4417.89 crores for Andhra Pradesh and part of this money is yet to be released after four years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is considering to release the entire balance revenue deficit as certified by CAG; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN PART (A) TO (D) OF THE REPLY TO THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *85 BY SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY REGARDING "RELEASE OF BALANCE REVENUE DEFICIT OF ANDHRA PRADESH" DUE FOR ANSWER ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2018.

(a) to (d): No. Audited figures as reflected in State Finance Accounts for 2014-15 published by AG (A&E), Andhra Pradesh and Telangana mentioned a Revenue Deficit of Rs.16078.76 crore for the period of 2nd June, 2014 to 31st March, 2015. After taking into account Rs.2303 crore released by the Central Government (GoI) during 2014-15 towards Resource Gap of the Successor State of Andhra Pradesh, the revenue deficit amounted to Rs,13775.76 crore. Further, AG (A&E) informed that launching of new schemes by GoAP viz. Agriculture Debt Redemption Scheme, assistance to DISCOMS for taking over Financial Restructuring Plan Bonds, assistance to APTRANSCO, incentives for industrial promotion and enhanced expenditure on INDRAMMA old age and disabled pension schemes by way of broadening the base and monthly pension rate have contributed to this revenue deficit.

In order to arrive at a realistic estimate of Resource Gap for the year 2014-15, expenditure on new schemes and impact of increase in monthly pension rate and broadened base of pensioners was disallowed. However, arrears of Rs.91.27 crore pertaining to 2013-14 and paid in 2014-15 were included in the Resource Gap. Thus, the amount of the Resource Gap for the reference period was arrived at Rs.4117.89 crore. Of which Rs.3979.50 crore including Rs.2303 crore released by the Central Government in 2014-15 has already been released to the Successor State of Andhra Pradesh.
