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16.1 Follow up action on Audit Reports-Summarised Position

The Lok Sabha Secretariat issued instructions in April 1982 to all Ministries to furnish notes to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), indicating remedial/ corrective action taken on various paragraphs contained in the Audit Reports, soon after these were laid on the Table of the House.

In their Ninth Report (Eleventh Lok Sabha) presented to the Parliament on 22 April 1997, PAC desired that submission of pending Action Taken Notes (ATNs) pertaining to Audit Reports for the years ended March 1994 and 1995 be completed within a period of three months and recommended that ATNs on all paragraphs pertaining to the Audit Reports for the year ended March 1996 onwards be submitted to them duly vetted by Audit within four months from the laying of the Reports in Parliament.

A review of the position of receipt of ATNs on paragraphs included in Audit Reports (Autonomous Bodies) upto the period ended 31 March 2004 (**Appendix-VIII**) revealed that the Ministries did not submit remedial/corrective ATNs in respect of a large number of paragraphs inspite of the above instructions. Out of 110 paragraphs on which ATNs were required to be sent, final ATNs in respect of 38 paragraphs were awaited while ATNs in respect of 72 paragraphs had not been received at all.

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Out of 72 paragraphs on which ATNs had not been received, 35 paragraphs pertained to Reports for the years ended March 1989 to March 1993 which relate to the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

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