

The on-going report on execution of the federal budget for January – March 2013

On April 26, 2013 the Board of the Accounts Chamber has approved the on-going report on the process of the federal budget execution for January – March 2013, in which it is stated that the measures, taken by the Government of the Russian Federation, have positively affected social and economic development of the Russian Federation and the level of the federal budget execution.

So, there was an increase in real disposable money income of population and the average amount of assigned monthly pensions, a decrease in the overall number of unemployed. The revenues of the federal budget exceeded the corresponding period of 2012 and amounted 3,1 trillion rubles, or 24,1 % of the year forecast; the expenditures amounted 3,2 trillion rubles, or 24,1 % of approved by law budgetary appropriations and also exceeded the similar indicator for previous years.

For the first time in several years the expenditures for national priority projects were executed above the average level, herewith as regards to the National Priority Project «The Health», the execution amounted 50,4 %, that is connected with transfer of subsidies for provision of high-technology medical care to the population. There was an increase in overall volume of funds of the Reserve Fund and the Fund of National Welfare.

However, there are still several problems, which require special attention of the Government of the Russian Federation.

The present slowing of economic growth in Russia amid the unstable situation of the world economy, deterioration of a range of indicators of the balance of payments, low credit activity of the banking sector on granting of credits to non-financial organizations require elaboration and implementation of a set of systematic measures, aimed at progressive development of the economy of the country by means of internal growth sources. For the purpose of the internal demand stimulation it is expedient to take measures aimed at increase of expenditures for infrastructure projects, as well as activate investment activity aimed at renovation and modernization of material and technical basis.

It is also necessary to approve additional measures in the sphere of further improvement of budgetary process.

Not all normative legal acts, which are required for the federal budget execution for 2013 were approved before the beginning of financial year. The execution of expenditures on divisions of budgetary classification was effected in the reporting year unequally: from 5,3 % of annual appropriations under the division “Housing and Utilities” to 34,8 % under the division “National defense”. A substantial part of the ministries and departments unsatisfactorily executed the budgetary appropriations. The level of direct state support of agricultural goods producers during conduction of spring field works didn’t exceed 8 % of provided annual volume, subsidies for reimbursement of part of the costs for purchase of basic seeds were transferred only to 7 subjects of the Russian Federation, that could lead to failures in conduction of spring field works. During the period of January – February 2013 expenditures on 19 Federal Target Programs were not executed.

The Board has taken decision to present the on-going report to the Chambers of the Federal Council and forward the analytical note on the process of the federal budget execution for

January – March 2013 to the Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation
D.A.Medvedev.