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It is, therefore, seldom possible to present the Statement to Parliament earlier than the date mentioned in the Statute, i.e., about thirteen and a half months after the close of the official year.
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