

Issue of Currency Notes/Coins depicting Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

719. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVESHANKAR DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian currency notes and coins depicting Gandhiji, Pt. Nehru and Netaji Subhash Chander Bose were issued in recognition of their services in the freedom struggle of India;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to issue similar notes/Coins depicting Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel during the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of India in recognition of his services to the freedom struggle and also his contribution after Independence; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Government has taken a policy decision against printing of currency notes with any Portrait other than that of the Father of the Nation, Mathama Gandhi. Accordingly, Government has not issued any currency notes depicting Pandit Nehru, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

However, the Government has already issued in the past commemorative coins in respect of Pandit Nehru, Netji Subhash Chandra Bose and also Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in recognition of their services to the freedom struggle and contribution to the nation.

Demand of United Forum of Bank Unions and Insurance Companies

720. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Forum of Bank Unions and insurance companies have decided to go on strike and if so, what are the details of their demands; and

(b) what is the Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Indian Banks Association have reported that they have not received any notice of strike from the Officers Organisations or Workmen