

Fall in profit of SBI

3624. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the profit of the country's largest bank, the State Bank of India (SBI) has come down substantially;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) State Bank of India (SBI) has informed that the net profit of the bank was Rs.9121 crore for the financial year 2008-09; Rs. 9167 crore for 2009-10 and Rs. 8265 crore for the year 2010-11. The Net profit is lower by 9.84% in 2010-11 over 2009-10 mainly due to higher pension, gratuity, loan loss provisions, higher investment depreciation and standard assets provision on special home loan schemes.

Shortage of recognised health workers

†3625. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there should be one health worker per 1000 of the population in the plain areas of the country according to Government criterion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there is an acute shortage of recognized social health workers in various areas of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY): (a) and (b) As per present norm, one Health Worker [Female]/ANM and One Male Health Worker are required for the Health Sub Centres [SC], which are established based on population norm of 5000 per sub centre in Plain Areas and 3000 per sub centre in Hilly/Tribal /Difficult Areas, case load and distance. To provide a link between the health centre and the community, Accredited Social/Health Activists [ASHAs] are engaged for a population of 1000 for plain areas.

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