

(c) Checking tax-evasion is a continuous and ongoing process. As such no fixed time frame can be assigned.

Expansion in network of rural banks

996. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open banks in every village having population over 1000 or so;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will expand the network of rural banks and recruit the staff having professionalism in understanding rural economy in view of changing face of village economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) In order to extend the reach of banking to the rural hinterland, Banks were advised in 2010-11 to provide appropriate banking facilities to habitations having a population in excess of 2000 (as per 2001 Census) by March, 2012, using the Business Correspondent and other models, with appropriate technology back up. Approximately 73,000 such habitations across the country have been identified and allocated to Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, Private Sector Banks and Cooperative Banks for extending banking services by March, 2012. As per reports received from Banks, 29,569 villages have been covered as on 31.03.2011.

Revenue earning through import duty on crude oil

997. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of revenue earnings through import duty on crude oil imported during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): The revenue earnings through import duty on crude oil imported during 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 was Rs. 2768 crore, Rs. 1752 crore and Rs. 13370 crore respectively.

Additional expenditure burden on consumers due to inflation

†998. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.