

Shri Bhanwar Singh Meghvanshi, Dr. Sunilam, Baba Aadav and Ram Singh with regard to pensions to senior citizens and other demands;

(c) whether Government is considering to provide pension of Rs. 2000 per month to each man and woman aged above 55 years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per Census of India, 2001, the number of men and women above 55 years are 5.13 crore and 5.29 crore respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The pension to senior citizens living Below Poverty Line (BPL) is being provided under Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) which is a component of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) administered by the Ministry of Rural Development. The Ministry of Finance has not received any proposal from Ministry of Rural Development for providing pension of Rs. 2000 per month to each man and woman aged above 55 years.

Installation of ATMs with every bank branch

3774. SHRI T. M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked all the banks to open ATMs at all branches to facilitate cash withdrawal anywhere at any hour;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has also asked the banks to remove all cash withdrawal restrictions through ATMs such as number of transactions through ATMs of other banks, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the banks' response to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) In terms of Budget Announcement 2013-14 that Public Sector Banks (PSBs) will have an ATM at all their branches in place by 31.03.2014. Banks have been installing ATMs to facilitate their customers to access their bank accounts and withdraw money as per their convenience at the ATM.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. No such directions have been issued.