

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA) : (a) to (f) Punjab National Bank (PNB) has informed that during the months of December 2014 and January 2015, ATM at Dumrikalan was available to the customers for 91 % and 93% of authorized working hours respectively. As the ATM is placed within the branch premises, cash is replenished regularly and there was no case of "Cash Out". Power shortage / erratic power supply is the main cause of ATM going dysfunctional and a generator has been made available to resolve the power problem. PNB has further informed that they have not received complaint of harassment / humiliation from the customers.

PNB has found that at present one ATM is sufficient to cater to the needs of the customers.

Cut in social sector schemes

†889. SHRI HARIVANSH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target of 5.3 per cent economic growth fixed by Government would be achieved despite making cut in the social sector schemes;
- (b) whether Government have consulted the affected parties;
- (c) the steps being taken by Government for achieving the target set for the social sector schemes, if the cut is made to cover the revenue deficit; and
- (d) the details of cut made by Government in social sector schemes along with the details of cut in other sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA) : (a) The Government has not fixed any target for growth for the current year. As per the Advance Estimates released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant (2011-12) market prices is projected to be 7.4 per cent in 2014-15. Social sector expenditure is largely in the domain of the State Governments. As per the Economic Survey 2014-15, the budget estimate of expenditure on social services by the General Government (sourced from the budget documents of Union and State Governments) stood at ₹ 8,68,476 crore for 2014-15, as compared to the corresponding revised estimate of ₹ 8,11,536 crore in 2013-14.

- (b) Consultations within the Government and with other stakeholders is a part of the Budget making process.
- (c) The Union Government has taken many initiatives to improve the efficiency of

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social sector that, *inter alia*, include; measures for rationalization of subsidies including Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT); plans to dovetail the resources from other social sector programmes and sources of funding for the sanitation initiatives of the Government; and, initiatives for skill development and financial inclusion which have the potential to promote inclusive growth. Union Budget 2015-16 has announced steps that can impact social sector outcomes positively, which, among others, include: focus on irrigation, traditional agriculture, agricultural credit, rural infrastructure and rural employment; extension of DBT; emphasis on micro unit development refinance and credit to SC/ST enterprises; focus on self-employment and talent utilization along with consolidation of skill development initiatives; and fillip to investment in infrastructure and industries.

(d) As per the Economic Survey 2014-15, the budget estimates of expenditure for the year 2014-15 by the General Government on education, health and other social services stood at ₹ 395897 crore, ₹ 1,54,567 crore and ₹ 3,18,011 crore respectively. The corresponding revised estimates of expenditure for 2013-14 were ₹ 3,68,475 crore, ₹ 1,46,211 crore and ₹ 2,96,850 crore respectively. The budget estimate of the expenditure of the General Government other than on social services (total expenditure minus expenditure on social services) stood at ₹ 3027065 crore for 2014-15, as compared to the corresponding revised estimate of ₹ 2553259 crore in 2013-14.

Disbursal of loan under PMEGP

†890. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the youths aspiring to take loans from the banks under the 'Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme' (PMEGP) are facing difficulty;

(b) the number of applications received by the local banks for loans through District Industries Centres in different States especially in Rajasthan during the six months;

(c) the time limit within which the banks have to decide on granting of loans to the applicants on their application under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP);

(d) if there is no time limit fixed for granting of loans, the reasons therefor ; and

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