

Opening of bank branches in villages

†1840. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to set up branches of banks in villages having population of two thousand to ensure financial inclusion in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such villages in Bihar where bank branches have been opened during current financial year;

(c) the number of those villages where bank branches are remaining to be opened, district-wise; and

(d) by when Government will open bank branches in the said villages so that the Direct Benefit Transfer scheme may reach to the end user, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) Under the Swabhimaan campaign in 2011, the Banks were advised to provide appropriate banking facilities to habitations having a population in excess of 2000 (as per 2001 census) by March 2012. The banks identified approximately 74000 habitations across the country having a population of over 2000 for providing banking facilities. As per reports received from Banks, 74351 villages with population of above 2000 were covered with banking facilities either by branches; Business Correspondents (BCs), mobile banking etc. by March 31, 2012.

(b) to (d) State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC), Bihar has informed that during the current financial year up to September, 2015, 103 rural branches have been opened in Bihar. It has further informed that Banking services are being provided to all 9213 identified villages with population more than 2000 through 139 branches, 8696 BCs and 378 other modes such as ATMs, mobile vans etc. Similarly, banking services have been provided to all 27343 identified villages with population less than 2000 through 455 branches, 26830 BCs and 54 other modes such as ATMs, mobile vans etc.

Quantum of NPAs of PSBs

1841. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of NPAs of Public Sector Banks as on November 30, 2015, bank-wise;

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