

**Financial burden on States due to implementation of  
VIIIth Pay Commission recommendations**

1984. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the magnitude of financial burden to be borne by States because of the implementation of the Seventh Pay Commission recommendations;

(b) State-wise expected increase in expenditure due to implementation of the Pay Commission recommendations; and

(c) Measures taken by Government to ensure that the State Government have sufficient funds to meet the increased burden of expenditure including allocation of additional funds for meeting the increasing deficit, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) to (c) No Sir. The extent of State-wise increase in expenditure will depend on the manner in which State Governments decide to implement the recommendations of the Seventh Central Pay Commission. In the past, the States have deployed different options in deciding their pay awards following the awards made by the Government of India based on the recommendations of the previous Central Pay Commissions.

**Norms for installation of ATMs in rural areas**

1985. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms laid down for installing an ATM by the nationalized banks and the Private Banks;

(b) whether Government has provided any special provision to the Banks for opening of ATMs in the rural and remote areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA): (a) to (c) As per extant policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), all Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) do not need to obtain permission of RBI for installation of ATMs at branches and extension counters for which they hold licenses issued by RBI. Scheduled Commercial Banks can also install Off-site ATMs without the permission of RBI subject to certain conditions. In order to expand the reach of ATMs in Tier III centre (population between 20,000