

launch National Unified USSD (Unstructured Supplementary Service Data) Platform (NUUP) which allows mobile based banking services using a short code (\*99# across all Telecom Service Providers) in various languages.

NPCI has informed that using \*99# any customer can access the mobile banking service using their native language through USSD. Along with \*99# and SMS banking services, the banks are able to cover nearly 100% of the towns and villages through mobile banking service.

Besides above, to ensure banking facilities to cover each household of the country, Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched on 28.08.2014 at national level and 22.37 crore accounts have been opened till 06.07.2016. Under the Yojana, 99.99% households out of the 21.22 crore households surveyed have been covered under PMJDY.

**Seventh Pay Commission recommendations on parity between  
IAS and Non-IAS officers**

191. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not considered the Seventh Pay Commission's contentious recommendation for parity between IAS and Non-IAS officers when Government decided on the implementation of the recommendations of the panel; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) and (b) Seventh Pay Commission could not arrive at a consensus on this issue. Therefore, the matter will be examined by the concerned Department in detail for further consideration.

**Provision of Central Government funds for the State of Uttarakhand**

†192. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government provides funds to States for their various schemes and development;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing funds to Uttarakhand for its development by Central Government till now; the details thereof;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is not a discriminatory behaviour of Central Government towards the people of Uttarakhand; and

(d) if not, the reasons for depriving the State of its right deliberately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) The Central Government devolves 42% of divisible pool of Central taxes to the States including Uttarakhand as per recommendation of the 14th Finance Commission, which may be used by the States for their various schemes and development. In addition, funds also flow to the States under Central Assistance for State Plan as per the Scheme Guidelines of the respective Ministries for development of the States, including Uttarakhand.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise in view of (a) above.

**Impact of British exit from European Union on Indian economy**

193. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

SMRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made an assessment on the impact of British exit from European Union on India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether buying crude oil on Brent basis has any consequence for India; and

(c) the details of the steps/precautionary measures taken to insulate the Indian economy from the adverse impact or economic slowdown in British economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Exit is a long drawn process and may take more than 2 years. Even with Brexit, EU Rules will continue to apply to the UK until the Article 50 negotiations are complete. So, the UK would not be able to change its immigration policies or adopt its own trade policy until then. According to the EU treaty, Article 50 negotiations can last up to 2 years and may be extended if all 27 remaining States agree.

(b) The Indian basket of crude oil, which represents a derived basket comprising of sour grade (Oman and Dubai average) and sweet grade (Brent Dated) of crude oil processed in Indian refineries in the ratio of 71.03:28.97 respectively during 2015-16, also declined from 47.26 US\$ per barrel on 23rd June 2016 to 42.98 US\$ per