

1,72,588 houses under PMAY(G) during 2016-17, which is higher in comparison to the allocation of ₹ 183.02 crore for construction of 41,901 houses in Jharkhand during 2015-16.

#### **Decline in customs revenue as a ratio of GDP**

961. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that customs revenue as a ratio of GDP has been declining in last two years;
- (b) whether custom revenue of ₹ 20,808 crore demanded up to March, 2015 was not realised by the Department at the end of Financial Year 2015; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir. The Customs Revenue as a ratio of GDP during FY 2013-14, FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 was 1.53%, 1.51% and 1.55% respectively.

(b) and (c) The Customs arrears pending as on 1.04.2015 (*i.e.* at the end of 2014-15) was ₹ 21,316 crore. The arrears pendency at end of financial year 2014-15 include mainly on account of litigation, cases where appeal period is not over, unit closed/defaulters not traceable.

#### **Recovery of NPAs of PSBs fraudulently transferred abroad**

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

- (a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to the view expressed by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) that a significant part of NPAs of public sector banks may never be recovered as a significant part of it could have been obtained fraudulently as advances and may have been transferred abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Governments reaction thereto; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to strengthen the regulatory system to check effectively such frauds in the banking sector; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The office of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), has indicated that, they do not audit banks, and the views expressed were in general context of recent media reports on the Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) in Public Sector Banks (PSBs).