

1	2	3	4
3.	2013-14	11343	18267.18
4.	2014-15	Nil	10791.08
5.	2015-16	16000	21587.00
6.	2016-17	34586	32434.10

During the F.Y. 2011-12, spectrum auction was not held hence could not achieve the target.

During the F.Y. 2012-13, although spectrum auctions were held but could not achieve the target due to non-receipt of bid in 800 MHz in November 2012 auction and in 1800 MHz & 900 MHz bands in March 2013 and also set off given by the Government to the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) of quashed licenses.

During the Financial Year 2016-17, no bid was received in any of the 22 LSAs in 700 MHz and 4 LSAs in 900 MHz spectrum bands in Auction held in October 2016. Absence of eco-system in 700 MHz band including the non-availability of devices together with industry perception of high reserve price appear to be the main reason for no bids in the 700 MHz band. Availability of small blocks of spectrum in 900 MHz band resulted in no bids in this band. In addition, companies appeared to be preserving cash to protect market share in the days to come.

#### **Issuing debit cards to holders of savings account in post offices**

2772. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post offices have also started issuing debit cards to those who are holding savings account with them, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether arrangements have been made for setting up adequate ATM machines, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes Sir. Department of Posts has started issuing debit cards for post office savings bank customers. As on 6.12.2016, 5.12 lakh cards have been issued. The details of cards issued circle-wise are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) As on 6.12.2016 Department of Posts has installed 965 ATMs across the country, out of the proposed 1000 ATMs. The details of ATMs installed circle-wise are given in Statement-II.

**Statement***Circle-wise details of the cards issued*

Name of Circle	Number of Cards issued
Andhra Pradesh	40239
Assam	11010
Bihar	14506
Chhattisgarh	6244
Delhi	14466
Gujarat	39021
Haryana	6136
Himachal Pradesh	7472
Jammu and Kashmir	517
Jharkhand	7910
Karnataka	41729
Kerala	7303
Madhya Pradesh	24476
Maharashtra	46737
North East	3938
Odisha	17866
Punjab	15296
Rajasthan	26167
Tamil Nadu	97574
Telangana	18462
Uttar Pradesh	26758
Uttarakhand	2518
West Bengal	36399
GRAND TOTAL	512744

**Statement-II***Circle-wise details of the ATMs installed*

Circle	No. of ATMs Planned for installation	No. of ATMs installed
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	95	95
Assam	26	26
Bihar	44	43
Chhattisgarh	14	14
Delhi	26	26
Gujarat	41	41
Haryana	20	20
Himachal Pradesh	22	20

1	2	3
Jammu and Kashmir	13	7
Jharkhand	19	19
Karnataka	76	76
Kerala	52	41
Madhya Pradesh	52	52
Maharashtra	75	75
North Eastern	23	12
Orissa	44	44
Punjab	26	26
Rajasthan	64	64
Tamilnadu	97	97
Uttar Pradesh	88	86
Uttarakhand	18	18
West Bengal	65	63
GRAND TOTAL	1000	965

#### Wastage of Foodgrains

2773. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- the quantity in metric tonnes of foodgrains, which have got rotten and wasted, in the previous three years;
- whether the Ministry has surplus stock of foodgrains to meet the demand, if so, the details thereof; and
- whether the Ministry is taking any steps to improve storage facilities to keep the foodgrains safe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY): (a) Quantity of foodgrains accrued as damaged/non issuable in Food Corporation of India (FCI) during last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity in tons
2013-14	24695.455
2014-15	18847.226
2015-16	3115.684

- Government has enough stocks of foodgrains to meet the demands of the Public Distribution System (PDS) and other welfare schemes. Stock position of foodgrains in Central Pool against the Stocking Norms as on 01.10.2016 is as under :