

parts of country. However, examination of the specific parameters reveals that the notes are of low quality. No high quality counterfeit new currency notes have been seized by any agency so far.

Recent cyber attacks on the banking system

†2496. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that banking system in India got affected following the recent cyber attacks on about 100 countries and RBI had to issue directions to close down the ATMs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether India is still not prepared to deal with such cyber attacks; and

(c) if not, whether Indian banking system is capable of dealing with any types of cyber attacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that during the months of May and June 2017, “WannaCry” ransomware attacks were reported from banks, according to which a few PCs in 2 bank branches and 1 ATM unit were impacted, though no data loss was reported. RBI had issued advisories to banks in relation to ransomware attacks, regarding application of relevant patches in and update of anti-virus software for all systems. No direction was issued to close down ATMs. Cyber security preparedness to deal with emerging threats is a continuous activity. RBI has issued Cyber Security Framework in Banks, which provides that banks periodically conduct vulnerability assessment and penetration testing (VA-PT) exercises for all critical systems, particularly those facing the Internet. RBI has apprised that the performance of banks in this regard is closely monitored through both on-site and off-site assessments.

Beneficiaries under Mudra scheme

2497. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries under the Mudra scheme; and

(b) the total amount taken as loans under this scheme till date?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.