

(d) Incorporating new security features/designs in the banknotes to stay ahead of the counterfeiters is an ongoing process. The security features are strengthened from time to time to enhance the counterfeit resistance of the notes. To check the menace of counterfeiting of banknotes, the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Home Affairs, Reserve Bank of India, Security and Intelligence Agencies of the Centre and States are working in tandem to thwart the illegal activities related to FICN. An FICN Coordination Group (FCORD) has been formed in the Ministry of Home Affairs to share the intelligence/information amongst different security agencies of Centre/States to counter the menace to effect more seizures. The issue has also been raised in International multilateral fora constantly.

(e) No complaints regarding dispensation of fake currency notes through ATM after demonetisation has been received as reported by RBI.

#### **Wholesale Price Index Rate of June 2017 and 2016**

1665. SHRI K. T. S. TULSI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state Wholesale Price Index Inflation Rate in June 2017 and that in corresponding period of 2016?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): Inflation based on Wholesale Price Index in June 2017 (Base Year 2011-12) and June 2016 (Base Year 2004-05) was 0.90 per cent and 2.12 per cent, respectively.

#### **Sale of PSUs**

1666. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided for strategic sale of seven Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has so far given 'in-principle' approval for the strategic disinvestment of 24 CPSEs/Units of CPSEs. The details are given in the Statement.