

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-223
ANSWERED ON- 05/12/2023

FINANCIAL FRAUD

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank Of India's report mentioned the biggest financial fraud of ₹ 1,71,774/- crores which took place in the year 2019;
- (b) whether only 9 per cent amount (₹ 15,955/- crores) was recovered;
- (c) the details of financial frauds took place during last five years (2019 to 2023) with the details like name of bank, year, amount of fraud, name of the company involved in fraud, and amount recovered as on date; and
- (d) the details of action taken report?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(DR. BHAGWAT KARAD)

(a) to (d): As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, the aggregate amount involved in fraud reported by scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), in respect of amount involved of Rs. 1 lakh and above in each fraud, based on the date of occurrence, is Rs. 49,398 crore for the financial year 2018-19.

Bank-wise details of frauds in SCBs, in respect of amount involved of Rs. 1 lakh and above in each fraud, based on the date of occurrence, for the last five financial years are at Annex. Recovery in fraud accounts is an ongoing process, and as per RBI data, SCBs have recovered an aggregate amount of Rs. 1,820 crore in such accounts during the said period.

Further, credit institution-wise details, *viz* name of borrowers, name of directors, outstanding amount, *etc.* in respect of suit-filed loan accounts, including those where fraud has been declared and having outstanding of Rs. one crore and above are available in public domain and can be accessed at the following URL of credit information companies, registered with and regulated by RBI:

- (i) suit.cibil.com,
- (ii) suit.experian.in,
- (iii) equifax.co.in, and
- (iv) crifhighmark.com

RBI has issued Master Directions for classification and reporting of frauds by commercial banks and select financial institutions, and banks are required to report fraud cases to law enforcement agencies (LEAs), *viz* State Police, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), *etc*. LEAs investigate and take appropriate actions in such cases.

As per the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, during the period of five years from 2017 to 2021, total 40,548 cases of bank frauds, including frauds related to ATM and Debit/Credit cards were registered and 22,903 persons were arrested in these cases, out of which 16,890 persons were charge sheeted.

Further, the Directorate of Enforcement, which is entrusted with investigation and prosecution of cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA), has apprised that during last five years (1.1.2019 to 1.10.2023), it has taken up around 782 bank fraud cases for investigation under the provisions of the PMLA. Necessary action as per the provisions of PMLA has been taken which resulted in attachment of proceeds of crime (PoC) amounting to Rs. 20,398 crores (approx.). Further, 74 accused persons have been arrested and 75 Prosecution Complaints (PCs) including 19 Supplementary PCs have been filed before PMLA Special Courts.

Rajya Sabha Unstarred question no. 223, regarding Financial Fraud

**Details of Frauds in Scheduled Commercial Banks, in respect of Amount Involved of
Rs. 1 lakh and Above in Each Fraud, Based on the Date of Occurrence**

(Amounts in crore Rs.)

Bank	Amount Involved				
	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank Limited	1.45	-	-	-	-
Airtel Payments Bank Limited	-	-	0.97	-	1.54
American Express Banking Corporation	8.78	7.25	10.99	3.94	5.84
AU Small Finance Bank Limited	0.92	2.19	4.73	0.62	2.00
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited	-	125.53	-	-	-
Axis Bank Limited	1,186.97	1,865.00	76.82	84.17	75.57
Bandhan Bank Limited	391.08	3.51	26.21	4.69	3.16
Bank of America, National Association	0.30	0.11	0.07	5.58	0.07
Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait B.S.C.	-	-	-	5.44	-
Bank of Baroda (BoB)	2,987.47	2,370.57	372.07	618.17	22.10
Dena Bank	2.71	Merged with BoB			
Vijaya Bank	0.94				
Bank of India	1,749.93	1,078.72	256.85	46.65	6.88
Bank of Maharashtra	2,615.09	182.33	25.05	18.85	9.41
Barclays Bank PLC	-	121.43	-	-	-
BNP Paribas	-	5.70	0.06	-	-
Canara Bank	1,336.29	5,045.90	136.17	362.96	5.21
Syndicate Bank	101.30	60.33	Merged with Canara Bank		
Capital Small Finance Bank Limited	-	-	0.04	0.05	0.03
Catholic Syrian Bank Limited	30.28	2.65	9.21	2.15	6.87
Central Bank of India	977.80	416.94	11.35	13.37	1.58
Citibank N.A.	31.59	10.87	9.32	3.49	7.34
City Union Bank Limited	1.02	1.67	19.70	20.48	13.72
Coastal Local Area Bank Limited	0.13	-	2.00	-	-
Credit Suisse AG	-	-	249.50	-	-
DBS Bank India Limited	174.24	62.09	40.76	0.85	2.57
Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited	325.07	107.58	232.15	-	-
DCB Bank Limited	33.24	8.79	7.81	0.46	0.91
Deutsche Bank AG	0.04	89.35	132.14	1.44	0.24
Doha Bank QSC	-	-	-	17.62	-
Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited	1.97	2.93	17.00	1.38	2.12
ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited	0.44	0.32	0.74	0.24	1.16
Export Import Bank of India	53.04	443.04	-	-	-
Federal Bank Limited	224.56	499.69	76.45	51.73	21.77
Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited	0.69	0.08	8.59	1.23	5.78
Fino Payments Bank Limited	0.81	1.56	0.53	1.06	1.00
HDFC Bank Limited	1,036.21	947.50	218.30	201.29	151.55
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	5.20	8.55	2.61	2.63	3.00
ICICI Bank Limited	1,093.36	1,156.70	964.17	176.08	84.38
IDBI Bank Limited	5,860.72	779.06	436.98	383.97	9.99
IDFC First Bank Limited	137.88	35.44	31.36	3.13	2.43
India Post Payments Bank Limited	0.11	0.82	0.98	2.71	0.01

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	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Indian Bank	1,353.27	981.61	658.04	18.21	11.58
Allahabad Bank	1,445.48	9.19	Merged with Indian Bank		
Indian Overseas Bank	3,367.47	429.74	100.24	101.72	22.02
IndusInd Bank Limited	2,265.52	312.73	595.55	60.26	52.87
Jammu and Kashmir Bank Limited	185.67	28.80	87.69	9.39	273.73
Jana Small Finance Bank Limited	3.20	4.17	3.45	4.58	0.25
JPMorgan Chase Bank National Association	-	-	0.49	-	-
Karnataka Bank Limited	229.48	619.47	19.84	79.98	22.59
Karur Vysya Bank Limited	217.28	458.05	20.54	385.78	118.16
Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited	17.16	260.66	89.41	83.20	14.66
Krishna Bhima Samruddhi Lab Limited	-	-	0.01	-	-
MUFG Bank Limited	-	-	-	6.49	-
Nainital Bank Limited	-	1.83	0.30	0.23	0.04
National Bank for Agri. & Rural Devt.	-	-	-	-	0.40
National Housing Bank	-	-	2,349.54	-	-
North East Small Finance Bank Limited	0.33	0.21	0.56	0.24	0.11
NSDL Payments Bank Limited	-	-	0.16	0.05	-
Paytm Payments Bank Limited	0.02	0.01	-	-	0.40
Punjab and Sind Bank	751.10	1,630.21	163.06	3.43	57.80
Punjab National Bank (PNB)	1,940.28	4,097.42	715.73	2,391.35	359.07
Oriental Bank of Commerce	25.68	18.02	Merged with PNB		
United Bank of India	2,138.35	395.05			
RBL Bank Limited	11.57	4.49	26.13	3.89	11.49
SBM Bank (India) Limited	144.95	20.00	20.92	0.04	0.98
Shinhan Bank	-	-	100.01	-	0.46
Shivalik Small Finance Bank Limited	0.19	0.42	-	-	-
Small Industries Development Bank of India	8.01	11.81	-	1.16	24.27
Sonali Bank	-	0.14	-	-	-
South Indian Bank Limited	131.90	939.21	135.20	50.62	4.52
Standard Chartered Bank	14.26	198.64	201.04	48.61	22.53
State Bank of India	5,714.40	703.18	4,185.75	296.68	28.81
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	-	-	0.30	-	-
Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited	0.02	0.29	0.52	0.39	0.80
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited	226.83	40.24	165.55	22.12	6.80
The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Limited	0.03	-	-	-	-
The Dhanalakshmi Bank Limited	78.02	0.56	0.31	1.34	0.28
The Industrial Finance Corp of India Limited	585.60	244.70	490.27	-	-
UCO Bank	770.20	992.62	779.62	1,102.86	119.15
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited	4.95	2.63	2.23	1.26	1.02
Union Bank of India (UBI)	1,580.31	3,338.63	534.16	260.82	66.20
Andhra Bank	765.19	53.74	Merged with UBI		
Corporation Bank	4.05	0.22			
Unity Small Finance Bank Limited	-	-	-	-	0.11
Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited	0.33	0.46	14.35	0.79	0.22
Woori Bank	-	0.20	-	-	-
Yes Bank Limited	5,044.96	2,288.95	816.68	9.00	5.43

Source: Reserve Bank of India
