GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1659

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COUNTRIES ACCEPTING UPI PAYMENTS

1659. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of countries that currently accept UPI payments, along with the dates when UPI was launched in each country; and
- (b) the details of Government's specific plans and initiatives to further promote the adoption of UPI in international markets, including the targeted countries and timelines for expansion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) RBI's Payments Vision Document 2025 has also outlined expanding the global outreach of UPI and RuPay cards as one of the key objectives under the internationalisation pillar.

The Government along with RBI have been taking various initiatives from time to time for expanding the global outreach of UPI. RBI has been collaborating with various relevant stakeholders (e.g., Central Banks of various countries, Bank of International Settlements, World Bank and other institutions) for expanding the outreach of UPI. With these concerted efforts, UPI is presently live in seven countries as given under:

Sr. No.	Country	Live since
1.	Bhutan	July, 2021
2.	Singapore	August, 2021
3.	UAE	April, 2022
4.	France	February, 2024
5.	Mauritius	February, 2024
6.	Sri Lanka	February, 2024
7.	Nepal	March, 2024
