GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA <u>UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1711</u> TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 2016/27TH KARTIKA, SAKA, 1938

CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION

1711. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:

QUESTION

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- a) the amount of currency on circulation along with the amount of currency printed so far by various mints/RBI;
- b) the estimated amount of black money in circulation in the country and amount stashed outside the country; and
- c) the steps proposed by the Government to curb black money?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) The currency in circulation as on November 11, 2016 is ₹ 17877.2 billion. The supply of notes of various denominations from the presses to RBI during the last three years is as under:

Supply of Notes by the Presses to RBI (mpcs)			
Denomination	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
	Supply	Supply	Supply
Rs.100	5131	5464	4910
Rs.500	3393	5018	4291
Rs.1000	818	1052	977
Total	20918	23652	21195

(b) & (c): There is no official estimation of the amount of black money within the country and stashed abroad. In the last two years, the Government has taken a number of steps to curb the menace of black money including setting up of a Special Investigation Team (SIT); enacting a law regarding undisclosed foreign income and assets; amending the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement between India and Mauritius and India and Cyprus; encouraging the use of non-cash and digital payments; amending the Benami Transactions Act and implementing the Income Declaration Scheme 2016 etc.