

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
**LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 629**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016 (FRIDAY)/KARTIKA 27, 1938  
(SAKA)

**Banking Facilities in Rural and Backward Areas**

629. SHRI KESINENI NANI: SHRI HARI MANJHI: SHRI V. ELUMALAI:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE: SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI:  
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY: SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of lack of banking facilities in rural/backward areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the norms/guidelines laid down by the Reserve Bank of India for opening of bank branches in rural/backward areas of the country;
- (c) the total number of branches opened by public and private sector banks and the number of the branches opened in rural and backward areas during the last three years and the current year, bank and State-wise;
- (d) the number of bank branches proposed to be opened in unserved rural/backward areas; and
- (e) the manner in which Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is going to be implemented in the beneficiaries accounts?

**Answer**

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance  
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (c) To promote financial inclusion, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) grants general permission to domestic Scheduled Commercial Banks including Public Sector Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) to open branches at any place in the country, without seeking prior approval of RBI in each case, subject to at least 25 percent of the total number of branches opened during a financial year should be in unbanked rural (Tier 5 and Tier 6) centres (population upto 9999). RBI has also specified that the total number of branches opened in Tier 1 centres (population 100000 and above) during the financial year cannot exceed the total number of branches opened in Tier 2 to Tier 6 centres (population upto 99999) and all centres in the North Eastern States and Sikkim.

Due to said branch opening norms, as on 30.06.2016 out of total bank branches of 133668 of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), 84389 (63.13%) bank branches are in rural and semi-urban areas. The number of bank branches

opened by public and private sector banks during the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure.

(d) As reported by State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs), a total of 6593 villages have been identified and allotted among scheduled commercial banks (including Regional Rural Banks) for opening of branches.

(e) Following process has been followed:

- I. Banks have taken steps to complete account opening and seeding Aadhaar number in all the DBT districts.
- II. DBT Cells have been constituted in departments wherever needed.
- III. Formation of DBT implementation Co-ordination Committee, along with State Government department concerned, at district level.
- IV. The Government of India, DBT is pushed through Aadhaar Based Payment System (ABPS) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- V. As part of strengthening servicing infrastructure, BC network is strengthened and monitored through weekly video conference from Department of Financial Services.

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Number of branches opened by public and private sector banks during 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17

ANNEXURE TO LOK SABHA Q. NO. 629 FOR 18.11.2016

Region	State/UT	2013-14					2014-15					2015-16					2016-17 (UP TO 30.06.2016)				
		RURAL	SEMI-URBAN	URBAN	METRO	TOTAL	RURAL	SEMI-URBAN	URBAN	METRO	TOTAL	RURAL	SEMI-URBAN	URBAN	METRO	TOTAL	RURAL	SEMI-URBAN	URBAN	METRO	TOTAL
CENTRAL REGION	CHHATTISGARH	56	83	18	31	188	58	50	28	26	162	52	40	27	20	139	4	1	2	1	8
	MADHYA PRADESH	149	142	57	80	428	81	135	37	106	359	52	110	46	88	296	7	5	4	16	32
	UTTAR PRADESH	750	278	157	150	1335	310	225	144	169	848	172	136	110	121	539	5	6	6	8	25
	UTTARAKHAND	66	31	29		126	56	32	49		137	16	32	36		84	1	1	3		5
CENTRAL REGION Total		1021	534	261	261	2077	505	442	258	301	1506	292	318	219	229	1058	17	13	15	25	70
EASTERN REGION	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR IS	1	2	2		5		1	1		2	2	2			4					
	BIHAR	179	173	77	57	486	80	95	68	34	277	64	90	70	45	269	4	6	3	2	15
	JHARKHAND	72	74	25	30	201	62	59	19	26	166	39	30	22	28	119	6	7	1	2	16
	ODISHA	209	115	83		407	167	82	91		340	115	58	47		220	14	4	12		30
	SIKKIM	9	1	4		14	3	1	4		8	3	1	2		6	1		1		2
	WEST BENGAL	183	95	110	55	443	135	69	81	73	358	198	108	130	79	515	21	17	14	8	60
EASTERN REGION Total		653	460	301	142	1556	447	307	264	133	1151	421	289	271	152	1133	46	34	31	12	123
NORTH EASTERN REGION	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3	13			16	4	3			7		4			4					
	ASSAM	69	79	44		192	26	32	33		91	50	46	28		124	1	2	1		4
	MANIPUR	9	7	8		24	5				5	2	4	2		8		1	1		2
	MEGHALAYA	11	9	4		24		2	2		4	3	4	5		12		1	1		2
	MIZORAM	1	7	4		12	2	3	3		8		2	3		5					
	NAGALAND		11	4		15	1	1	1		3	2	3	2		7					
	TRIPURA	10	24	15		49	4	7	3		14	12	14	6		32		1			1
NORTH EASTERN REGION Total		103	150	79		332	42	48	42		132	69	77	46		192	1	5	3		9
NORTHERN REGION	CHANDIGARH	1		20		21	2		29		31	1	2	17		20			5		5
	HARYANA	228	111	140	23	502	137	99	126	13	375	59	52	100	12	223		4	18	2	24
	HIMACHAL PRADESH	100	22	3		125	64	7	3		74	47	10	3		60	2	2	1		5
	JAMMU & KASHMIR	99	47	20	10	176	45	10	20	6	81	28	15	9	8	60	3				3
	NCT OF DELHI	9	7	1	176	193	6	2	3	172	183		3		176	179				20	20
	PUNJAB	423	147	57	30	657	173	114	58	43	388	86	87	36	25	234	3	9	9	4	25
	RAJASTHAN	197	145	67	61	470	153	99	72	75	399	122	127	63	49	361	1	11	1	4	17
NORTHERN REGION Total		1057	479	308	300	2144	580	331	311	309	1531	343	296	228	270	1137	9	26	34	30	99
SOUTHERN REGION	ANDHRA PRADESH	156	146	103	45	450	144	150	118	58	470	85	100	65	55	305	5	3	9	5	22
	KARNATAKA	316	183	154	135	788	175	153	91	132	551	111	106	74	138	429	9	12	12	27	60
	KERALA	58	247	76		381	12	160	83		255	13	94	63		170	1	13	5		19
	LAKSHADWEEP		1			1															
	PUDUCHERRY	2	5	8		15	6	6	7		19	1	2	2		5		1			1
	TAMIL NADU	287	282	77	122	768	174	230	84	130	618	95	171	53	126	445	7	14	7	10	38
	TELANGANA	70	59	35	110	274	78	90	35	98	301	44	70	36	96	246	2	1	1	9	13
SOUTHERN REGION Total		889	923	453	412	2677	589	789	418	418	2214	349	543	293	415	1600	24	44	34	51	153
WESTERN REGION	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	1	5			6	2				2	1				1					
	DAMAN & DIU	1	4			5		2			2		1			1					
	GOA	25	32			57	20	12			32	6	4			10	1	1			2
	GUJARAT	266	118	50	125	559	124	104	64	132	424	58	73	53	115	299	9	6	8	23	46
	MAHARASHTRA	343	213	69	232	857	159	140	56	208	563	112	187	49	213	561	3	25	4	27	59
WESTERN REGION Total		636	372	119	357	1484	305	258	120	340	1023	177	265	102	328	872	13	32	12	50	107