

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3772
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th MARCH, 2017 (FRIDAY)/CHAITRA 3, 1939 (SAKA)

Transaction Cost on Cards

3772 . SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has asked railways and banks to cut transaction cost on cards as the customer facing the problems of added cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any deadline for the railways and banks to cut the transaction cost on cards; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) The Office of the Controller General of Accounts, vide its Office Memoranda no. 1(1)/2006/ECS/TA/670, dated 14th and 15th December 2016, has clarified that Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges up to Rs. 1 lakh on Government dues for taxes, non-taxes and other payments through debit cards shall be absorbed by the Government of India itself.
