

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 411

TO BE ANSWERED ON FEBRUARY 3, 2017 / MAGHA 14, 1938 (SAKA)

“DEMAND OF NEW CURRENCY”

411. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

SHRI HARISH MEENA:

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

DR. BHOLA SINGH:

SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the increasing demand of currency post demonetization and if so, the details thereof and the number and value of new currencies of Rs. 2000, Rs. 500, Rs. 100, Rs. 50, Rs. 20 and Rs. 10 printed and circulated before demonetization, bank-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to print equal amount of new currency of Rs. 2000 and 500 in lieu of the withdrawn currencies and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the circulation of the new currencies along with low denomination currencies; and

(d) whether Government is aware that large number of counterfeit notes of Rs.2000 is being circulated and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a, b& c) : Consequent to the announcement of withdrawal of Legal Tender status of banknotes of ₹ 500 and ₹ 1000 denominations from the midnight of November 8, 2016, the Reserve Bank of India made arrangements for supply of adequate quantity of banknotes in various denominations to the public through the banks.

Over the period from November 10, 2016 upto December 19, 2016, banks have reported that banknotes worth ₹ 5,92,613 crore have been issued to public either over the counter or through ATMs.

In this period, the Reserve Bank has issued to the banks and their branches, for distribution to the public, a total of 22.6 billion pieces of notes of various denominations of which 20.4 billion pieces belonged to small denominations of ₹ 10, 20, 50 and 100s and 2.2 billion belonged to higher denominations of ₹ 2000 and ₹ 500.

As regards printing of currency, RBI periodically estimates and reviews the demand for currency and accordingly in consultation with Government of India indents for supply is placed with the Presses. The same is a continuous process.

(d) Neither such data is available with the Government nor RBI has come across any confirmed reports of detection of counterfeit notes of the denomination of Rs.2000 in the banking channel.