

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
LOK SABHA
UN-STARRED QUESTION No. 1210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22 December 2017 (FRIDAY)/PAUSHA 1, 1939 (SAKA)

Banking Correspondents in Rural Areas

1210. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current extent of coverage of Banking Correspondents in rural parts of the country, especially in tribal and hilly areas of North East India;
- (b) whether the target set by the Government for expansion of network of banking correspondents for the current fiscal has been achieved;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to achieve the target?

Answer

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)**

- (a) to (d) Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana all rural and semi urban areas have been classified into 1,59,392 Sub Service Areas (SSAs). Each SSA caters to 1000 to 1500 households. So far, 1,26,290 fixed location Bank Mitra (Business Correspondents) have been deployed for covering those SSAs where bank branches were not available.
