

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION No. *303
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16 MARCH, 2018 (FRIDAY)/PHALGUNA 25, 1939 (SAKA)

Shortage of Currency in Banks

***303. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:**
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of currency in banks which led to insufficient supply in Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) causing innumerable troubles to the customers and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Union Government is aware that a large number of ATMs show no cash boards in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have requested the Union Government to release sufficient currency to meet the demands of the customers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any assurance has been given by the Union Government regarding supply of currency to the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures being taken by the Government to reduce the hardships of the account holders and general public, especially in rural areas?

Answer

THE FINANCE MINISTER
(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d):- A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.*303 (3rd Position) for 16th March 2018 by Shri Y.S. Avinash Reddy and Shri Prabhakar Reddy Kotha, MPs regarding "Shortage of Currency in Banks"

(a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has apprised that currency supply across the country is being monitored regularly and adequate supplies are made available to RBI issuing offices thereby ensuring equitable distribution of currency to various parts of the country. Banks take corrective measures, in consultation with RBI, as and when required, in case of shortage of currency.

RBI has informed that on receipt of Government of Telangana's request dated 26.11.2016, situation was redressed through supply of cash to the State.

RBI has apprised that on receipt of letter dated 14.2.2018 from Government of Andhra Pradesh requesting for Rs. 5,000 crore currency, fresh currency worth Rs. 5,000 crore was despatched to Hyderabad office of RBI with instructions to ensure appropriate distribution of the cash amongst currency chests in the circles so that cases of shortage at specific places do not arise.

As informed by RBI, during November 2016 to March 2017, Rs. 82,168 crore was supplied to Hyderabad office of RBI which is the highest amongst all the offices of RBI in the country. Similarly, during April 2017 to February 2018, Rs. 51,523 crore was supplied to Hyderabad office of RBI which was again the highest amongst all the offices of RBI in the country.
