

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1801**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018 (FRIDAY)/SHRAVANA 5, 1940 (SAKA)

**Banking Penetration**

**1801. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:**

**SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:**

**SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:**

**SHRI HARISH MEENA:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the per person availability of banks in the rural areas of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the norms/criteria prescribed for opening of bank branches in the rural areas along with the number of Bank branches opened by the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) especially in the minority concentrated, hilly and remote areas of the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan and Lakshadweep;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make relaxation in the present law for nationalized bank to open new branches in rural areas, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is considering/already implementing the concept of Mobile Banks in the interior regions of the country for better financial inclusion and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the PSBs have fixed any target for sanctioning of loans particularly in tribal and hilly areas and if so, the details of the norms/guidelines issued by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the banking penetration especially in above regions, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) As informed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the details of per person availability of banks in rural areas of the country is not available with them. However, State/UT wise number of bank branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks as on 31.3.2018, is at **Annexure-1.**

(b) (c) and (f) As per extant guidelines dated 18.5.2017 on rationalizing of Branch Authorisation Policy, RBI has granted general permission to domestic Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks), to open banking outlets 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 banking outlets opened during a financial year being in unbanked rural centres with population less than 10,000. For this purpose, banking outlets opened in any centre having population less than 50,000 in North Eastern states, Sikkim and also Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts as notified by the Government of India are also considered as equivalent to opening of banking outlets in unbanked rural centres.

The number of branches of Public Sector Banks as on 31.3.2018 is at **Annexure-2**.

- (d) RBI vide its circular dated 18.5.2017 has, inter-alia, allowed banks to open/operate mobile branches in all Centres. However, these mobile branches are not considered as Banking Outlets.
- (e) Reserve Bank of India has issued master circular to all Scheduled Commercial Banks with targets under priority sector lending which includes agriculture, micro small and medium enterprises, export credit, education, housing, social infrastructure, renewable energy etc.

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<b>Annexure-1 - Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 1801 for 27.7.2018 regarding Banking Penetration</b>					
<b>Number of Functioning Branches of Scheduled Commercial Banks as on 31.03.2018 - State/UTs and Population Group wise</b>					
<b>Region/State/ UTs</b>	<b>RURAL</b>	<b>SEMI-URBAN</b>	<b>URBAN</b>	<b>METROPOLITAN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>					
CHHATTISGARH	1,063	692	490	293	<b>2,538</b>
MADHYA PRADESH	2,306	1,932	1,074	1,309	<b>6,621</b>
UTTAR PRADESH	7,716	3,840	2,820	2,670	<b>17,046</b>
UTTARAKHAND	938	527	597	0	<b>2,062</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,023</b>	<b>6,991</b>	<b>4,981</b>	<b>4,272</b>	<b>28,267</b>
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>					
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR IS	23	12	33	0	<b>68</b>
BIHAR	3,266	2,203	1,061	496	<b>7,026</b>
JHARKHAND	1,348	778	441	445	<b>3,012</b>
ODISHA	2,568	1,273	1,026	0	<b>4,867</b>
SIKKIM	72	20	53	0	<b>145</b>
WEST BENGAL	3,662	1,658	1,805	1,643	<b>8,768</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,939</b>	<b>5,944</b>	<b>4,419</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>23,886</b>
<b>NORTH EASTERN REGION</b>					
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	73	81	0	0	<b>154</b>
ASSAM	1,309	739	608	0	<b>2,656</b>
MANIPUR	80	43	60	0	<b>183</b>
MEGHALAYA	170	77	101	0	<b>348</b>

MIZORAM	67	53	75	0	195
NAGALAND	53	72	41	0	166
TRIPURA	235	188	114	0	537
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,239</b>
<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>					
CHANDIGARH	11	6	383	0	400
HARYANA	1,616	1,206	1,745	259	4,826
HIMACHAL PRADESH	1,209	311	83	0	1,603
JAMMU & KASHMIR	890	411	279	182	1,762
NCT OF DELHI	68	89	12	3,371	3,540
PUNJAB	2,534	2,015	1,169	726	6,444
RAJASTHAN	2,853	2,044	1,260	1,007	7,164
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,181</b>	<b>6,082</b>	<b>4,931</b>	<b>5,545</b>	<b>25,739</b>
<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>					
ANDHRA PRADESH	2,383	2,065	1,640	765	6,853
KARNATAKA	3,485	2,347	2,039	2,228	10,099
KERALA	331	4,500	1,424	0	6,255
LAKSHADWEEP	6	7	0	0	13
PUDUCHERRY	51	72	119	0	242
TAMIL NADU	2,926	3,901	1,498	2,477	10,802
TELANGANA	1,536	1,157	608	1,876	5,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,718</b>	<b>14,049</b>	<b>7,328</b>	<b>7,346</b>	<b>39,441</b>
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>					
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	14	47	0	0	61
DAMAN & DIU	3	44	0	0	47
GOA	279	394	0	0	673
GUJARAT	2,488	2,004	1,265	2,132	7,889
MAHARASHTRA	3,116	2,888	1,429	4,976	12,409
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>5,377</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>7,108</b>	<b>21,079</b>
<b>All India</b>	<b>50,748</b>	<b>39,696</b>	<b>25,352</b>	<b>26,855</b>	<b>1,42,651</b>

Source: RBI

<b>Annexure-2 - Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 1801 for 27.7.2018 regarding Banking Penetration</b>					
<b>Number of Functioning Branches of Public Sector Banks as on 31.03.2018 - Bank wise and Population Group wise</b>					
<b>BANK NAME</b>	<b>RURAL</b>	<b>SEMI-URBAN</b>	<b>URBAN</b>	<b>METROPOLITAN</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>STATE BANK OF INDIA</b>	7,757	6,719	4,180	4,299	22,955
<b>ALLAHABAD BANK</b>	1,207	764	648	626	3,245
<b>ANDHRA BANK</b>	745	770	669	736	2,920
<b>BANK OF BARODA</b>	1,833	1,537	931	1,168	5,469
<b>BANK OF INDIA</b>	1,834	1,455	806	983	5,078
<b>BANK OF MAHARASHTRA</b>	615	428	329	474	1,846
<b>CANARA BANK</b>	1,810	1,991	1,165	1,255	6,221
<b>CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA</b>	1,602	1,352	834	899	4,687
<b>CORPORATION BANK</b>	588	795	524	557	2,464

<b>DENA BANK</b>	573	433	368	418	<b>1,792</b>
<b>INDIAN BANK</b>	727	785	607	630	<b>2,749</b>
<b>INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK</b>	922	990	678	744	<b>3,334</b>
<b>ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE</b>	560	627	611	601	<b>2,399</b>
<b>PUNJAB AND SIND BANK</b>	561	278	352	325	<b>1,516</b>
<b>PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK</b>	2,572	1,698	1,200	1,101	<b>6,571</b>
<b>SYNDICATE BANK</b>	1,241	1,128	816	848	<b>4,033</b>
<b>UCO BANK</b>	1,075	821	603	580	<b>3,079</b>
<b>UNION BANK OF INDIA</b>	1,252	1,288	852	907	<b>4,299</b>
<b>UNITED BANK OF INDIA</b>	779	408	471	360	<b>2,018</b>
<b>VIJAYA BANK</b>	513	547	535	540	<b>2,135</b>
<b>IDBI BANK LIMITED</b>	415	592	506	504	<b>2,017</b>
<b>All INDIA</b>	<b>29,181</b>	<b>25,406</b>	<b>17,685</b>	<b>18,555</b>	<b>90,827</b>

Source: RBI