

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1837

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH JULY 2018/SHRAVANA 5, 1940 (SAKA)
Growth of Bank Deposits

1837. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth of bank deposits fell to a five decades low in 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the extent to which demonetisation, mutual funds, insurance, etc., impacted the bank deposit;
- (c) the reaction of the Government with regard to such a trend; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve deposit rate in banks?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes madam. Slower growth of 6.2% in aggregate deposits of Scheduled Commercial Banks in the financial year (FY) 2017-18, as per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, is against the backdrop of a growth rate of 15.3% in FY 2016-17, which may be viewed in the context of, *inter alia*, demonetisation. Further, aggregate deposits in FY 2017-18 were the highest ever at Rs. 1,17,78,997 crore, registering an increase of Rs. 6,65,062 crore during the year.

(b) to (d): With regard to the extent of impact of various factors, RBI has informed that it does not have requisite information.

To improve customer attractiveness, Government has announced a Public Sector Banks (PSB) Reforms Agenda, under which banks have taken a number of measures for enhancing access and securing service excellence in banking services. These include expansion of digital banking and near-home banking, customer comfort, ease of grievance redressal, and senior-citizen and differently-abled friendly banking services. Further, Government has launched Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and Extended Gram Swara Abhiyan in the current financial year aimed at saturation coverage under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana in 65,779 identified villages.
