

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 571  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018/ 29<sup>th</sup> ASHADHA, 1940 (SAKA)

**FAKE CURRENCY**

**QUESTION**

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

- (a) The number of incidents/ cases of detection of fake currencies reported along with the number of such currencies seized in various parts of the country after demonetisation;
- (b) Whether the security features in the new notes are inadequate to identify the difference between the real and fake notes in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the banks have any policy in place to replace the fake notes or mutilated or scribbled new currencies in order to avoid any financial losses to general public; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI Pon. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) : Total number of 520534 Fake Indian Currency Notes amounting Rs. 39,18,63,862/- have been seized by Police from 9/11/2016 to 31/5/2018.

(b) : Incorporating new security features/designs in the banknotes to stay ahead of the counterfeiters is an on-going process. The security features are strengthened from time to time to enhance the counterfeit resistance of the notes. The new series of bank notes contain various security features which are difficult to counterfeit. The key security features of new series notes of Rs 2000 and Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations are:

- See through register with denominational numeral can be seen when the note is held against it
- Latent image with denominational numeral can be seen when the banknote is held at 45 degree angle at eye level.
- Micro letters 'RBI', 'भारत', 'India' and the denomination numeral
- Colour shift windowed security thread with inscriptions 'भारत', RBI and denominational numeral. Colour of the thread changes from green to blue when the note is tilted
- Mahatma Gandhi portrait and Electrotpe watermarks

- Number panel with numerals growing from small to big on the top left side and bottom right side
- Intaglio or raised printing of Mahatma Gandhi portrait, Ashoka Pillar emblem, bleed lines and identity mark
- Denominational numeral with Rupee Symbol, in colour changing ink (green to blue) on bottom right
- Angular bleed lines on left and right side in raised print.

(c) & (d) : There is no policy in place to replace the fake notes. However, Reserve Bank of India has been extending facilities to the public for exchanging cut and mutilated notes at all its Issue Offices and currency chest branches of commercial banks. In order to make the Note Refund Rules easy to understand and to apply, Reserve Bank of India (Note Refund) Rules, 2009 has been comprehensively revised and simplified to help members of the public exchange the cut/mutilated notes in their possession without difficulty.

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