

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1105**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019  
**MAGHA 19, 1940**

**‘INDEPENDENT DEBT MANAGEMENT’**

**QUESTION**

**1105. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE ( वित्त मंत्री ) be please to state:-

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to launch an integrated programme in coordination with the States/UTs to increase savings and investments among the people, if so, details thereof?
- (b) Whether the Government has any proposal to setup an independent debt management office instead of Reserve Bank of India for better servicing of loans which could lead to substantial reduction in India's interest payments; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Madam, there is no such proposal under consideration in this Department. However, presently the Government is running Small Savings Schemes in all the States/UTs to provide risk free investment platform to increase savings and investments among the people.

(b) &(c) The Government plans to establish an independent Public Debt Management Agency (PDMA) which will take-over the debt management related functions from Reserve Bank of India. The setting up a public debt management agency will enable consolidation of all public debt management components at one place. To achieve the objective, initially, a Public Debt Management Cell (PDMC) was established in Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, in October 2016. PDMC has currently been assigned public debt management related functions. Interest incidentals on the borrowings are directly linked and depend upon the prevailing market conditions.