

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 416

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JUNE 2019/ASHADHA 3, 1941(SAKA)

New Banking Licences

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to issue new banking licences in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of State Governments applied for setting up of State level banks.
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the role of Reserve Bank of India and the Government in such types of banks?

ANSWER

**The Finance Minister
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)**

(a) and (b): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued Guidelines for 'on tap' Licensing of Universal Banks in the Private Sector, dated August 1, 2016 for granting licenses for universal banks on a continuous basis. RBI's Second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy, 2019-20 dated June 6, 2019, has announced RBI's intention to issue Draft Guidelines for 'on tap' Licensing of Small Finance Banks by the end of August 2019. Post 2014, RBI has licensed two New Private Sector Banks (in 2015), ten Small Finance Banks and seven Payments Banks (during 2016 and 2017), details of which are at Annex.

(c) and (d): RBI has informed that it has not received any application from any State Government for setting up of a new State level bank.

(e): RBI issues licences to carry out banking business to co-operative banks under Section 22 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (as applicable to Co-operative Societies). RBI regulates the banking functions of co-operative banks under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. These banks are also required to comply with instructions/guidelines etc. issued by RBI from time to time.

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List of Small Finance Banks, Payments Banks and New Private Sector Banks

S.	Bank	Date of	Date of	Registered office	
				City	State
Small Finance Banks					
1.	CapitalSmall FinanceBank Ltd.	04-03-16	24-04-16	Jalandhar	Punjab
2.	Equitas SmallFinanceBank Ltd	30-06-16	05-09-16	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
3.	SuryodaySmall FinanceBank Ltd.	26-08-16	23-01-17	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
4.	UjjivanSmall FinanceBank Ltd.	11-11-16	01-02-17	NewDelhi	Delhi
5.	ESAF SmallFinanceBank Ltd.	18-11-16	10-03-17	Thrissur	Kerala
6.	UtkarshSmall FinanceBank Ltd.	25-11-16	23-01-17	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
7.	AU SmallFinanceBank Ltd.	20-12-16	19-04-17	Jaipur	Rajasthan
8.	NorthEast SmallFinanceBank Ltd.	31-03-17	17-10-17	Guwahati	Assam
9.	Jana SmallFinanceBank Ltd.	28-04-17	28-03-18	Bangalore	Karnataka
10.	FincareSmall FinanceBank Ltd.	12-05-17	21-07-17	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
Payments Banks					
1.	AirtelPaymentsBank Ltd.	11-04-16	23-11-16	NewDelhi	Delhi
2.	PaytmPaymentsBank Ltd.	03-01-17	23-05-17	NewDelhi	Delhi
3.	India Post PaymentsBank Ltd.	20-01-17	30-01-17	NewDelhi	Delhi
4.	Jio PaymentsBank Ltd.	27-01-17	03-04-18	Mumbai	Maharashtra
5.	FINO PaymentBank Ltd.	30-03-17	30-06-17	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
6.	NSDL PaymentBank Ltd	30-03-17	29-10-18	Mumbai	Maharashtra
7.	AdityaBirla IdeaPaymentsBank Ltd.	03-04-17	22-02-18	Mumbai	Maharashtra
New PrivateSector Banks					
1.	Bandhan Bank Ltd.	17-06-15	23-08-15	Kolkata	West Bengal
2.	IDFC Bank Ltd.	23-07-15	01-10-15	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
