Write Off of Bank Loans

*164. Shri Deepak Baij:

Shrimati Mala Roy:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various banks have written off loans of more than Rupees ten lakh crores during the last five years;
(b) if so, the details thereof, year and bank-wise;
(c) the details of ten biggest beneficiaries of above write off, bank-wise;
(d) whether various Public Sector Banks have recovered only 13 per cent of the above written off loans; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such poor recovery, bank-wise?

ANSWER

FINANCE MINISTER
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *164 for reply on 19.12.2022 regarding Write Off of Bank Loans asked by Shri Deepak Baij and Shrimati Mala Roy.

(a) to (e): As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines and policy approved by banks’ Boards, non-performing assets (NPAs), including, *inter-alia*, those in respect of which full provisioning has been made on completion of four years, are removed from the balance-sheet of the bank concerned by way of write-off. Banks evaluate/consider the impact of write-offs as part of their regular exercise to clean up their balance-sheet, avail of tax benefit and optimise capital, in accordance with RBI guidelines and policy approved by their Boards. As per inputs received from RBI, scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) wrote-off an amount of Rs. 10,09,511 crore during the last five financial years. Bank-wise details of NPAs written off by SCBs during 2017 to 2022 are at Annex-1.

The borrowers of written-off loans continue to be liable for repayment, and the process of recovery of dues from the borrower in written-off loan accounts continues. Banks continue to pursue recovery actions initiated in written-off accounts through various recovery mechanisms available, such as filing of a suit in civil courts or in Debts Recovery Tribunals, action under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, filing of cases in the National Company Law Tribunal under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, through negotiated settlement/compromise, and through sale of NPAs. Therefore, write-off does not benefit the borrowers.

Recovery in NPA accounts including written-off loans, is an on-going process. As per RBI data, public sector banks have recovered an aggregate amount of Rs. 4,80,111 crore, including recovery of Rs. 1,03,045 crore from written-off loans during the last five financial years.

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Annex-1

Lok Sabha Starred question no. *164, regarding Write Off of Bank Loans

Amounts written off by Scheduled Commercial Banks

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