

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 730
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022

Images in Indian Currency Notes

730: SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request/representation to include more images (including the images of Goddess Lakshmi and Lord Ganesha) in Indian currency notes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to remove the image of the Father of the Nation – Mahatma Gandhi from Indian Currency notes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has received any request in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Several requests have been received for inclusion of images of freedom fighters, eminent personalities, Gods and Goddesses, animals, etc. on Indian banknotes.

In terms of Section 25 of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Act, 1934 the design, form and material of bank notes shall be such as may be approved by Central Government after consideration of the recommendation made by the Central Board of Directors of the RBI.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) & (f): As mentioned at (b) above, several requests/ suggestions have been received regarding images on currency notes. RBI issued a press release dated June 06, 2022 in this regard clarifying that there is no proposal for changes to the existing currency and banknotes.
