

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1268

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Bank Debit Card Holders

1268. SHRIMATI RANJAN BEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any decline in the number of debit card holders in the different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take initiatives to increase the number of debit card holders;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the steps are likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) As appraised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the total number of outstanding debit cards issued by Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Private Banks (PB), Foreign Banks (FB), Small Finance Banks (SFB) and Payment Banks (PB) has increased during the last five years, with the details as provided below:

Month/Year	No. of outstanding debit cards
Mar-15	55,34,51,553
Mar-16	66,15,36,018
Mar-17	77,16,49,172
Mar-18	86,10,76,000
Mar-19	90,58,13,162

(b) to (d) Do not arise.
