

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2085
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2022**

SWIFT PAYMENT SYSTEM

**2085. DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:
DR. HEENA GAVIT:
PROF. RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to expand the reach of RuPay and UPI across the globe;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of countries that have expressed their willingness to adopt both RuPay and UPI; and
- (d) whether the Government is planning to introduce any other platform to counter SWIFT payment system internationally to safeguard the interest of the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH]**

(a) to (d) Yes. NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), an international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has approached foreign countries with the objective to assist them in building UPI like solutions and transforming their digital payments landscape through interoperable payment system. The UPI apps would enable use of RuPay cards by Indian travellers abroad for making purchases and facilitate remittance to and from India with efficiency and speed. At present, NIPL is engaged with more than 30 countries for RuPay card and UPI acceptance. The UAE, Nepal (RuPay only), Bhutan and Singapore have accepted them and are currently in use.
