

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*198**

ANSWERED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024 / 14 SHRAVANA, 1946 (SAKA)

**Opening of New Branches of Bank**

**\*198. Shri Sunil Kumar:**

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether out of four blocks across the Gandak there is only one branch of a Public Sector bank, namely State Bank of India in Madhubani block;
- (b) whether only one Branch of Nationalized Banks exists in Balmikinagar Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar having population of more than three lakhs;
- (c) whether only one branch of Bank of India established in Binhi Bhisahwa of Bettiah block in West Champaran district of Bihar was previously shifted to Tamkuhi Road in Uttar Pradesh due to unavoidable reasons; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to shift the said branch of the Bank again from Tamkuhi Road to Bettiah and to open one new branch of a nationalized bank each in Piprasi Bettiah and Thakrahan blocks?

**ANSWER**

**THE FINANCE MINISTER**  
**(Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*198 for 05.08.2024 by Shri Sunil Kumar, regarding “Opening of New Branches of Bank”**

(a) to (b) As per information provided by State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC), Bihar, there are 7 Bank branches in four blocks across the Gandak. Out of these, two branches of Public Sector Banks (State Bank of India and Bank of Baroda) and two Regional Rural Bank branches are in Madhubani block. In addition, there is one Regional Rural Bank branch in each of the other three blocks of Balmikinagar Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar.

(c) to (d) Bank of India has apprised that its one branch was opened in Binhi Bhaisahwa of Bettiah Block in West Champaran District, Bihar in 1990. However, during the floods in 2001, this Bank branch was relocated to Tamkuhi Road, District Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh. Public Sector Banks are Board governed commercial entities and Bank of India has decided not to re-relocate the Branch since Bhaisahwa village is a highly flood prone area.

SLBC, Bihar has also informed that there is one Regional Rural Bank branch of Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank, which is functioning in Bettiah Block. At present, there is no proposal to open new branches of nationalized banks in Piprasi Bettiah and Thakrahan blocks.

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