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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5802

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Banking Facilities in Villages

†5802. SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are still villages in various parts of the country where banking facilities are unavailable, with no bank branch, Business Correspondent (BC) or India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) center within a 5 km radius;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to provide banking facilities in other States and Union Territories including the UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli; and
- (d) the detailed account of the work initiated/undertaken by the Government in this regard so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d) The endeavour of the Government is to ensure availability of banking outlet [Bank branch / Business Correspondent (BC) / India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)] within 05 kilometres (kms) of all inhabited villages in the country. Availability of banking outlets is monitored by a Geographic Information System (GIS) based Application, namely, the Jan Dhan Darshak (JDD) App.

Based on the data uploaded by Banks on the JDD App., 99.92% villages in the country and 100% villages in the UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli are covered with banking outlets (Bank Branch / BC / IPPB) within a radius of 05 kms (as on 06.03.2026). Major impediments in augmentation of banking infrastructure are lack of connectivity & infrastructure alongwith non-availability of suitable premises.

Further, as per the extant RBI guidelines, rolling out of banking outlets in uncovered areas is a continuous process looked after by the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC)/ Union Territory Level Bankers Committee (UTLBC), in consultation with the concerned State Government, member banks and other stakeholders. Banks, inter-alia, consider proposals for opening banking outlets in the light of RBI's instructions, their business plans and commercial viability. To further assess the viability for opening a banking outlet, banks carry out survey as required.
