

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No 1130**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29th April, 2016 / VAISAKHA 9, 1938 (SAKA)

Economic Empowerment of Women

1130. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- a) the steps taken by the Government for economic empowerment of women in the country;
- b) the number of women in the age group of 15-49 years having savings accounts in their names, State/UT-wise; and
- c) the number of bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan. Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) by women so far?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

- a) Government have taken various steps for economic empowerment of women in the country. These, inter alia, include establishment of the Rastriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) for micro credit, Support to Training and Employment Programme for women (STEP) for sustainable employment and income generation, Stand Up India Scheme for greenfield enterprises set up by woman entrepreneurs etc.
- b) As per information compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, the total number of saving accounts held by women is 33.83 crore as on 31.03.2015. State/UT wise details are attached as Annexure I. Age group wise categorisation of account holders is not compiled centrally.
- c) The number of bank accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana by women as on 20th April 2016 is 11.13 crore.

ANNEXURE- I**STATE/UT-WISE SAVING ACCOUNTS HELD BY WOMEN WITH
SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANKS AS ON MARCH 31, 2015**

STATE / UNION TERRITORY	Number of saving accounts held by Women
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	1,29,132
ANDHRA PRADESH	226,13,414
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2,64,910
ASSAM	62,17,602
BIHAR	151,04,890
CHANDIGARH	6,40,594
CHHATTISGARH	39,57,339
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	1,15,269
DAMAN & DIU	85,813
GOA	11,74,338
GUJARAT	148,90,791
HARYANA	81,71,310
HIMACHAL PRADESH	20,51,248
JAMMU & KASHMIR	34,90,044
JHARKHAND	52,86,168
KARNATAKA	278,10,241
KERALA	187,06,377
LAKSHADWEEP	31,125
MADHYA PRADESH	108,47,132
MAHARASHTRA	344,42,768
MANIPUR	5,74,962
MEGHALAYA	5,76,940
MIZORAM	1,66,781
NAGALAND	2,91,471
NCT OF DELHI	83,55,996
ODISHA	88,94,299
PUDUCHERRY	7,36,276
PUNJAB	101,24,320
RAJASTHAN	152,14,379
SIKKIM	1,95,933
TAMIL NADU	366,63,798
TELANGANA	150,53,305
TRIPURA	12,58,593
UTTAR PRADESH	410,71,780
UTTARAKHAND	28,94,577
WEST BENGAL	202,14,373
ALL-INDIA	3383,18,288