

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6255

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PRINTING OF CURRENCY NOTES

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

to the reply given on December 3, 1999 to Unstarred Question No.787 and state:

(a) whether all the activities relating to printing of Rs.1000/- notes have been completed;

(b) if so, the time by which this note would come into circulation;

(c) whether the Government propose to print currency notes of one, two and five rupee denominations again;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the RBI has started the process of withdrawing the currency note of 500 rupee denomination as per its decision to discontinue the old series of these notes; and

(f) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government to make the people aware in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): Preparations for printing of Rs.1000/- notes are in an advanced stage.

(b): The new Rs.1000 note is likely to be put into circulation by end of July 2000.

(c): No, sir.

(d): Notes of Re.1, Rs.2 and Rs.5 have been coined and the capacity so released has been diverted for production of higher denomination notes. Therefore, printing of these notes has been stopped.

(e)&(f): In the light of complaints of counterfeiting of 500 rupee note predominantly in the old design(1987 series), the RBI has issued instructions to its offices and other public sector bank branches not to issue/re-issue the old design Rs.500 denomination notes but send them to RBI offices. These steps for phasing out the old notes of Rs.500 denomination, are purely administrative in nature and these notes continue to be legal tender.