

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FAKE CURRENCY NOTE IN SBI BRANCHES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a lot of fake currency notes printed in Pakistan and Bangladesh have been found in various branches of State Bank of India functioning in North-eastern States and whether these notes were circulated in the market by ULFA;
- (b) if so, the value of fake currency notes found in above branches during the last one year; and
- (c) the effective steps being taken by the Government to check the Pakistan ISI's motive to paralyse the Indian economy ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V.ADSUL)

- (a) & (b) During April, 2002-March, 2003, the Reserve Bank of India(RBI), Guwahati found fake currency notes amounting to Rs.4,12,600/- in the soiled note remittances of currency chests of State Bank of India and its associate bank branches in the North-eastern region. However it is difficult to attribute definitively the source of circulation of the fake currency.
- (c) The measures taken by the Government include stepping up of vigilance by the Border Security Force/Customs authorities to prevent smuggling of fake currency, setting up a special unit in the Central Bureau of Investigation exclusively for investigation of counterfeit currency notes, incorporation of special security features in high denomination notes, dissemination of information on security features available in Indian bank notes through print and electronic media for the benefit of the public. RBI has instructed all the currency chest banks to carefully examine the notes received by them in order to segregate and impound fake notes in the remittances, to equip bank branches with Ultra Violet Lamps for detection of counterfeit notes, and to set up Forged Note Vigilance Cell at the head offices of the banks for monitoring the implementation of RBI's instructions etc., on forged notes.