

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2730

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DIVIDENDS TO STOCK HOLDERS OF BANKS

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

- (a) whether the Government has asked all the public sector banks to pay interim dividends;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount likely to be mobilized by the Government as interim dividend from public sector banks;
- (d) the reasons for which the public sector banks have been asked to pay interim dividend;
- (e) the dividend paid by public sector banks during the last fiscal year; and
- (f) the reasons for less dividend announced by these banks during the year 2002-03 despite their improved NPA?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

- (a), (b) and (d) In view of the good performance of most of the public sector banks and expected growth in their net profit for the half year ending September, 2003 banks were asked to consider paying interim dividend on or before finalisation of accounts of quarter ending December, 2003.
- (c) The amount will be known only after payment is made to the Govt.
- (e) Nationalised banks paid an amount of Rs. 830.87 crore as dividend for the year 2002-03 as compared to Rs. 630.65 crores for the year 2001-02.
- (F) does not arise in view of (e).