

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1064
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OPENING OF BRANCHES OF RRB IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have issued a notification to open the branches of Regional Rural Banks (RRB) in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether even after the issuance of the notification by the Union Government, the Leading bank in Himachal Pradesh i.e. Punjab National Bank is creating hurdles in opening the branches of regional rural banks in the State;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the branches of RRB are likely to be opened in Himachal Pradesh ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) :

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Punjab National Bank the sponsor bank of Himachal Gramin Bank has reported that it has advised Himachal Gramin Bank for taking steps to open branches in three more districts. Punjab National Bank has further reported that the Board of Directors of Himachal Gramin Bank has agreed in principle to open one branch each in Una, Hamirpur and Bhiainpur districts.