

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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INTRODUCTION OF NEW NOTES AND SHORTAGE OF COINS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of coins of different denominations on large scale in the country giving scope for the minting of fake coins and their circulation;
- (b) if so, reasons therefor and the steps have been taken to overcome that;
- (c) whether the Government have decided to introduce the new 500 note in a bigger size easily differentiable with 100 rupee note; and
- (d) if so, by when?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI BLALSAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) :There is no large scale shortage of coins of different denominations in the country giving scope for minting and circulation of fake coins. However, Consequent to Government decision to coinise Re.1, Rs.2, & Rs.5 denomination notes, a temporary mismatch of supply and demand of coins in these denominations is felt for which besides modernisation of existing Government Mints, the Government have already imported/are importing coins of these denominations.

(c) & (d) : The 500 rupee note is already bigger in size than 100 rupee note. However, the Government has decided to bring out new note of Rs.500 denomination with revised colour scheme so as to easily distinguish if from other denominations. This note is expected to be put into circulation shortly.