GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2575 ANSWERED ON:18.03.2005 MISSING OF CURRENCY NOTES Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a sheet of 40 notes of Rs.100 amounting to Rs.4,000 was reported missing as appeared in the Hindu dated the January 26, 2005;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the number of incidents of missing of currency note took place from RBI currency note printing press and during transit;
- (d) the number of persons/employees booked in this regard; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c)&(d): Since 1998, three incidents of missing of currency notes have taken place in the Bhartiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt. Ltd. (BRBNMPL), a subsidiary of RBI. FIRs have been filed with the concerned Police authorities/CBI for investigation into these cases. Departmental action has been initiated against the employees who were found guilty. Further action against the guilty will be taken after completion of investigation.
- (e): A number of steps have been taken by BRBNMPL to check recurrence of such incidents in future which include monitoring of security system at regular intervals, introduction of new mechanical devices to strengthen the existing surveillance system and internal control system, strengthening of CISF contingent, elimination of staff of doubtful integrity from posting in sensitive areas, etc.