

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1465

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PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS IN RURAL URBAN AREAS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of public sector banks operating in the country in rural and urban areas, State-wise;
- (b) whether the number of public sector banks in rural areas has been reduced in the last decade;
- (c) if so the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted an analysis of decrease in number of these bank;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the number of new bank branches proposed to be set up during the year 2004-2005; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to increase banking activities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALAN1MANICKAM)

- (a) As reported by RBI, the state-wise details of the number of Public Sector Banks and their branches functioning in rural and urban areas; as on 31 -03-2004, are given in the Annexure.
- (b) No, Sir. (c),(d),&(e) Do not arise.
- (f) RBI has reported that as per its extant policy, it is left to the judgement of the individual public sector banks to assess the need for opening additional branches and as such, the bank has no information about new bank branches to be opened during 2004-2005.
- (g) Does not arise.