

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5127  
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OPENING OF BANK BRANCHES IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of branches opened by the Public Sector Banks during 2005-06 ; and
- (b) the total number of branches opened in the rural areas by these banks during the said period ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) and (b) : Out of 719 bank branches opened by Public Sector Banks. (PSBs) during 2005-06, 52 branches were opened in rural areas .