

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5777  
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2010  
CHEQUES WRITTEN IN URDU  
Shariq Shri Sharief Ud Din

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the cheques written in Urdu are accepted in the Nationalised Banks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the instances where banks refused to accept the cheques written in Urdu; and
- (d) the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) : Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide its Master Circular dated July 1, 2009 has advised all Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) that all cheque forms would be printed in Hindi and English. The customer may, however, write cheques in Hindi, English or in the concerned regional language.

(c) & (d) : No such instance has come to the notice of Government.