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MOBILE BANKING IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the mobile banking penetration has driven software growth in India especially in the rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds utilised for the purpose alongwith Government's / State Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Namu Narain Meena)

(a) & (c): Banks desiring to provide mobile banking solution need appropriate software, which is required to be loaded on the mobile phone for facilitating the use of mobile phone for banking transactions using channels other than General Packet Radio Services (GPRS). Additionally, software/hardware may also have to be installed at the intermediaries involved in processing mobile based communications systems.

The Reserve Bank of India has so far given approval to 40 banks to provide mobile banking facility in the country. 31 banks have started providing these services.