

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT FUND  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government awarded contract for electronic transfer of Government funds upto district and panchayat levels through Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank;
- (b) if so, whether ICICI Bank have branches in all districts and panchayats;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, whether as considerable Government funds remained with ICICI Bank and a lot of delays were reported in executing the schemes for which the funds were routed; and
- (e) if so, the total amount of funds involved and the details of delay in implementing the schemes, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): In pursuance of the advice of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Ministry of Finance that Social Sector Ministries may induct a technologically capable bank as the Interface Bank for electronic transfer of funds, ICICI Bank was inducted as an interface bank in July, 2005 after analyzing the proposals of seven banks. The bank was to transfer funds initially to State capitals and then to their District Headquarters.
- (b) & (c): The ICICI Bank was selected as an inter face bank considering the solutions suggested, strength of their e-enabled branch presence and technological prowess. However, the States were allowed the flexibility to keep their bank accounts in other CBS enabled Public Sector Banks if found suitable. A number of States continue to have their bank accounts in Public Sector Banks. Currently, the Ministry is transferring the funds through its accredited bank i.e. Bank of Baroda.
- (d) & (e): There was no delay in transfer of fund. Rather the transmission of funds from the Centre to the States was quicker to ensure timely availability of funds for execution of health related schemes in the States.