

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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REGIONAL RURAL BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open more branches of regional rural banks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) and (c):- With a view to expand the outreach of banking services in under banked/unbanked rural areas, the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have been advised to work out branch expansion plan for 2011-12 and 2012-13 with 10% increase over the previous year. Further in under banked districts where the average population per bank branch, as per latest data, is over 18,000, RRBs are required to plan an increase of 15% in 2012-13 over 2011-12.

State-wise details of branches of RRBs as on 31st March, 2011 are given in the Annexure.