GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:210 ANSWERED ON:03.07.2009 REDUCTION IN RATES OF SMALL SAVING SCHEMES Haque Shri Sk. Saidul

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Small Saving Schemes in Post Offices and Banks and amount of money deposited against each such scheme during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to reduce the rates of interest applicable on such schemes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): The details of Small Saving Schemes operated in Post Offices and Banks and the amount deposited against each such schemes during the last three years are as under: -

(Rs. in crore)

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Name of Scheme 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 (Prov.)

Post Office Savings Account 35958 43161 53528

Time Deposit - 1 Year 16157 12007 11183

Time Deposit - 2 Year 727 443 407

Time Deposit - 3 Year 1911 968 1005

Time Deposit - 5 Year 1005 625 657

Recurring Deposit 26333 27681 28443

Monthly Income Account 26460 17026 23799

Senior Citizens Savings Scheme 2004 12854 3038 1934

National Savings Certificate (VIII Issue) 8971 6285 7080

Kisan Vikas Patra 23495 14975 15708

Public Provident Fund Scheme 1968 25953 21057 13597
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Out of the above, only the Senior Citizens Savings Scheme 2004 and Public Provident Fund Scheme 1968 are also operated through Banks.

(b) & (c): There is no proposal at present to revise the rate of interest of various small savings schemes.