

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MINI ATMS IN VILLAGES QUESTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has recommended to . setup 10 lakh Mini-Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in villages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to connect these Mini-ATMs with the social schemes;and
- (d) if so, the manner in which it is likely to be done?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): A Task Force headed by Shri Nandan Nilekani in its report on Aadhaar Enabled Unified Payment Infrastructure has envisioned an interoperable network of 10 lakh Business Correspondent Agents utilizing Micro-ATMs to cover the entire country for Financial Inclusion and Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT).

(c) & (d): The report has inter alia recommended transfer of payments from Government and Government institutions to Aadhaar enabled accounts of beneficiaries at banks and post office. Every Government department or institution that sends EBT and Direct Transfer of Subsidy (DTS) payment to individuals would need to submit details of Aadhaar Number and amount to their accredited bank, which would credit the amount into the account of the beneficiary,