GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1939 ANSWERED ON:17.07.2009 DEPOSIT RATES Sule Supriya

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PSUs banks have cut their deposit rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether the Government has given instructions to the banks to restore tax sops on core/infrastructure projects;and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): There is evidence of reduction in rates of interest on term deposits of major banks as can be seen below:

INTEREST RATES ON DEPOSITS

(per cent per annum)

2008 2009

Min. Max. Min. Max.

January 8.25 9.00 8.00 9.00 February 8.25 9.00 7.75 9.00 March 8.25 9.00 7.75 8.75 April 8.25 9.00 7.00 8.50 May 8.25 8.75 6.50 8.25 June 8.25 9.00 6.50 8.00 July 8.75 9.50 August 8.75 10.00 September 8.75 10.00 October 8.75 10.50 November 8.50 10.50 December 8.50 10.00

Source: RBI, Weekly Statistical Supplement Note: Deposit Rate relates to major Banks for term deposits of more than one year maturity.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.