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NEFT FACILITY QUESTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced/proposes to introduce National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) facility to facilitate free fund transfer from one account to another;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which this facility is likely to be introduced?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): With a view to encourage transactions through e-payment channels and to reduce the number of transactions through cheques and other expensive modes of transactions, the Government had advised the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to, inter alia, reduce the National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) charges to zero for transactions of value up to Rs. 1 lakh.