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ATMS FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) facilities in the village and rural areas where banking facilities are not sufficiently available;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the number of new ATMs proposed to be set up by banks in villages and rural areas across the country, State-wise and bank-wise; and
- (d) the time by which these ATMs are likely to be installed in the country?

Answer

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

(a):- At the end of December, 2012, there were 105,784 ATMs of Scheduled Commercial Banks(SCBs) in the country out of which over 63,000 ATMs have been installed by the Public Sector Banks(PSBs).

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has also issued guidelines on White Label ATMs to permit non-bank entities to set up, own and operate ATMs in the country.

(b):- State-wise details of ATMs as on quarter ended September, 2012 is annexed.

(c)& (d):- Banks, including Public Sector Banks install ATMs including in the rural areas, as per the need assessed and their business plan.