

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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ATM FACILITIES

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has directed all banks to provide ATM facilities across the country to facilitate cash transfer scheme through Aadhaar Number;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has initially introduced cash transfer scheme wherein ATM facility has been provided;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of villages in the country where ATM facility has been provided till 15th March, 2013?

Answer

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

(a) to (e):- In pursuance of the Budget announcement 2012-13, stating that all branches of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) will have an ATM in place by 31.03.2014, all PSBs have been advised to identify branches where ATMs are to be installed and prepare a plan for putting ATM at each such branch by 31.03.2014.

Government has initially introduced the Direct Benefit Transfer scheme in 43 districts. Withdrawal of benefits credited in a bank account can take place from a branch or an ATM or through Business Correspondent Agents.

There are 1,01,746 ATMs in the country as on 31st December, 2012, of which 33,475 are in rural and semi urban areas.