

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:38  
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2013  
GROWTH RATE OF BANK DEPOSITS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the growth rate of bank deposits has declined to its lowest level during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government / Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fixed any target for banking industry with regard to deposits during the current financial year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made therein so far and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken / being taken by the Government to increase the growth rate of bank deposits?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM)

(a)to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT FOR LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.38 FOR 6th DECEMBER, 2013 REGARDING GROWTH RATE OF BANK DEPOSITS TABLED BY SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR AND SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL

(a)& (b): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that the annual growth rate of bank deposits of all Scheduled Commercial Banks (including Regional Rural Banks) during the current year was 15.40% as on 15.11.2013 as against 13.40% as on 16.11.2012 during the previous year. Therefore, no decline in growth rate of banks deposits has been observed during the current year.

(c) to (e): The Government or the RBI do not fix any target for banking industry with regard to deposits. The banks, themselves, solicit deposits depending upon their Asset- Liability Management exercise. RBI has deregulated the interest rate on savings bank deposit of resident Indians on 25.10.2011. Banks are now free to determine their savings bank deposit interest rate.