

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLOSURE OF BANK BRANCHES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some public sector banks have reportedly closed down their branches in rural areas in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, bank-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) :- As informed by Public Sector Banks (PSBs), no Bank has closed any branch in rural areas in recent past. However, Bank of Baroda has reported that Kanakakad branch, Dist Alirajpur, MP, was converted into Satellite office at village Udaigarh on 7.1.2012 and Katrabelkheda branch, Dist Jabalpur, MP was converted into Satellite office at village Udana on 2.6.2012.