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PRINTING OF CURRENCY NOTES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to print new currency notes for replacing old ones particularly the 500 and 1000 denominations; <
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether paper and printing technology to print currency notes are indigenously developed; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) : Banknotes of old series are phased out periodically in a non-disruptive manner. RBI issues instructions to banks to ensure that such banknotes are not re-issued to the members of public. The details of phasing out process initiated during the last five years are as under:

Denomination	Series	Process initiated in
Rs. 500	MG series 1996	July 2008
	MG series 2000	October 2009
Rs. 1000	MG series 2000	March 2011

(c) & (d): State-of-the-art printing machinery has been installed for printing banknotes in the four presses under SPMCIL and BRBNMPL. The design and production of printing plates is done in-house by the Presses. Steps for indigenisation of production of banknote paper have also been initiated. One new banknote paper line with 6000 MT annual capacity is under installation at Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad. This will be in addition to the existing capacity of 3000 MT security paper. Further, one joint venture company namely Bank Note Paper Mill India Limited (BNPMIL) has been set up at Mysore by SPMCIL and BRBNMPL where two banknote paper lines of annual capacity of 12000 MT are under installation. On commissioning of these two projects, major requirement of banknote paper will be met indigenously.