

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:501

ANSWERED ON:11.05.2012

LOSS MAKING PSBS BRANCHES

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of branches of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) incurring losses during the last three years, bank-wise;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the reasons for such losses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to close or shift or merge such loss making bank branches;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the branches identified for closure or shifting or merger, bank-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to improve the financial condition of such loss making branches?

**Answer**

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

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

STATEMENT FOR LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.501 FOR 11th MAY, 2012 REGARDING LOSS MAKING PSBs BRANCHES TABLED BY SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA AND DR. PADMASINHA BAJIRAO PATIL

(a)to (c): The bank-wise details of number of branches of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) incurring losses during the last 3 years is at Annex. The banks have conducted study to ascertain the reasons for incurring losses and have identified low business level, newly opened branches, branches in remote areas, etc. as main causes for such losses.

(d) to (f): The PSBs are governed by their Board driven policies and make their own plans with respect to business operations, profitability, productivity, etc. However, the Government, as a promoter shareholder, has recently advised PSBs to firm up the strategy for turnaround of their loss making branches.