

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2114  
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PICTURES OF GLORIOUS PERSONALITIES IN CURRENCY NOTES  
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

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

- (a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is contemplating on the proposal to print pictures of glorious personalities of the nation besides Mahatma Gandhi on the currency notes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) intend to move further on the proposal;and
- (d) if so, the time by which such notes are likely to circulate in the market ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): On the advice of Government of India, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had constituted a Committee for designing future currency notes in October, 2010. The Committee, inter alia, deliberated on the issue of changing the existing image of Mahatma Gandhi and inclusion of certain other personalities in the new design of banknotes. After due consideration, the Committee decided that no other personality could better represent the ethos of India than Mahatma Gandhi.