

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRADHAN MANTRI JAN DHAN YOJANA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) in the country recently, if so, the details thereof along with the differences between the financial inclusion programmes /schemes and current (PMJDY);
- (b) the targets fixed for enrolment and achievement made by public/ private sector banks under PMJDY, bank-wise along with the monetary benefits given to such account-holders, State-wise;
- (c) whether the instances of opening of duplicate bank accounts under PMJDY to avail insurance cover benefit have been reported and if so, the details of the corrective measures taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has made any effort to reach this scheme to migrant workers/illiterate persons in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to use biometric data from the National Population Register (NPR) and AADHAAR card for opening accounts under PMJDY, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to bring more households under the PMJDY?

Answer

THE FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

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

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 85 for 28th November, 2014 by SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE and SHRI Y.V. SUBBAREDDY regarding Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.

(a) Yes Madam. Prime Minister had announced Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) on 15th August, 2014 and it was formally launched on 28th August, 2014. The Yojana envisages universal access to banking facilities with at least one basic banking account for every household, financial literacy, access to credit, insurance and pension. The beneficiaries would get a RuPay Debit Card having inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs.1.00lakh. In addition there is a life insurance cover of Rs.30000/- to those people who open their bank accounts for the first time between 15.08.2014 to 26.01.2015 and meet other eligibility conditions of the Yojana.

PMJDY is different from the earlier financial inclusion programme (Swabhimaan) as it, inter-alia, seeks to provide universal access to banking services across the country and focuses on coverage of all households (both rural and urban) while the earlier Financial Inclusion Programme was limited to provide access point to villages with population greater than 2000. Further, PMJDY focuses on interoperability of accounts which was not there earlier; has simplified KYC guidelines and involves the Districts and States for monitoring and follow-up.

(b) Under PMJDY, banks have been given target to carry out surveys in allocated Sub Service Areas (SSAs) and Wards and to open accounts of all uncovered households by 26.01.2015.

(c) It has been clarified that existing account-holders need not open a new account to avail the benefits under PMJDY. They can get the benefit of accident insurance by getting a Rupay debit card issued and Overdraft limit by applying in the existing account. Further, it has also been clarified that benefits of Rs.30,000/- life insurance cover are available only to those whose accounts are opened for the first time between 15.08.2014 to 26.01.2015

(d) In case of migrant labourers and others, the simplified KYC norms of RBI require only one proof of address (either current or permanent) while opening a bank account or while undergoing periodic updation. If the current address is different from the address mentioned on the proof of address submitted by the customer, a simple declaration by him/her about his/her current address would be sufficient, to get the account opened. Banks have also been asked to open accounts of workers in the Industrial Clusters and to take special care of Economically Weaker groups and informal sector like Hawkers, Vendors, Domestic helps, Security guards, Casual labourers and others.

(e) Banks have been directed to preferably use Aadhaar enabled e-KYC facility in order to open the accounts of all beneficiaries including migrant workers and illiterate persons who have Aadhaar numbers.

