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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) of the Scheduled Commercial Banks are being set up as per the norms prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by RBI against the defaulting banks along with the number of ATMs installed in the country during the last three years, bank and State-wise;

(c) whether the RBI has recently permitted/proposes to allow Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) to set up white-label ATMs in the country for increasing the penetration of ATMs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of NBFCs to operate such ATMs along with the number of ATMs set up/likely to set up by them and the procedure laid down by the RBI for the purpose?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) and (b) As per Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines, Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) need not obtain its permission for installation of ATMs at branches and extension counters for which they hold licenses issued by RBI subject to reporting. RBI has further permitted SCBs to install off-site/Mobile ATMs at centres / places identified by them, including Special Economic Zones (SEZs) without its permission as per laid down norms. The total number of ATMs as on 31.03.2012, 31.03.2013, 31.03.2014 and 31.12.2014 was 95686, 114014, 160055 and 176410 respectively.

(c) and (d) Yes Madam. RBI has permitted seven non-bank entities to set up, own and operate ATMs in the country for increasing the penetration of ATMs. Such ATMs are called White Label ATMs (WLAs). WLAs are to be established in Tier III to Tier VI centres (in a higher ratio) where banking facilities are not sufficiently available. As at the end of March 2015, 7881 WLAs were installed in the country by non-bank entities (Rural – 2506; Semi-Urban – 2791; Urban – 1264 and Metro -1320).