

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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Merger of Banks

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the banking facilities by merging small Public Sector Banks (PSBs) including Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) with large bank;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of PSBs in the country at present and the reduced figure of PSBs post merger;
- (c) whether the Government consulted all Stakeholders including bank unions / representatives of the associate banks in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken / being taken to protect the interests of the employees of the subsidiary banks and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) The Government is conscious of the need to strengthen the Public Sector Banks in India. Various options are being examined with a view to arrive at the most comprehensive solution which caters to the need for re-capitalization as well as making banks more efficient while retaining the public sector character of the banks. There are 27 PSBs at present.

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