

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BANK BRANCHES IN MINORITY AREA
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up more bank branches in minority areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of bank branches set up in the minority areas during the last three years and the current year, bank-wise?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) Pursuant to Cabinet decision on 17/05/2007, the Public Sector Banks were advised by the Government to step up their Minority Community Lending (MCL) to 15% of their Priority Sector Lending (PSL). In order to achieve the target of 15% to Minority Communities, PSBs have also been advised to open new branches in the Minority Dominated Areas.

Bank-wise position of branches in Minority Dominated areas is Annexed.