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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1250

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Opening of New Bank Branches in Bargarh and Jharsuguda Districts of Odisha

1250 SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the need for opening new branches of public sector banks in various underserved areas of Bargarh and Jharsuguda districts in Odisha, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any proposal has been received from the concerned authorities for opening new bank branches in these two districts and, if so, the details thereof, district-wise and bank-wise;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to consider opening new bank branches in Bargarh and Jharsuguda districts in the near future to improve financial inclusion and access to banking facilities, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure adequate banking infrastructure in rural and semi-urban areas of Odisha?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a to d) Endeavour of the Government is to ensure availability of banking outlet (Bank branch / BC / India Post Payments Bank) within 5 kilometres of all inhabited villages in the country. Availability of banking outlets is monitored by a Geographic Information System (GIS) based App., namely, Jan Dhan Darshak (JDD) App. Based on the data uploaded by Banks on the JDD App, as on 31.10.2025, 99.91% villages in the country are covered with banking outlets (Bank Branch / BC / IPPB) within a radius of 5 Km. As per JDD app, as on 31.10.2025, all the inhabited villages of Bargarh and Jharsuguda Districts of Odisha are covered by a Banking Outlet within 5 Km radius.

Moreover, as per the extant RBI guidelines, rolling out of banking outlets in uncovered areas is a continuous process looked after by the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC)/ Union Territory Level Bankers Committee (UTLBC), in consultation with the concerned State Government, member banks and other stakeholders. Banks, inter-alia, consider proposals for opening banking outlets in the light of RBI's instructions, their business plans and their commercial viability. To further assess the viability for opening a banking outlet, banks carry out survey as required. The data for such proposals is not maintained centrally.

Further, based on the data uploaded by Banks on Jan Dhan Darshak (JDD) App, the progress of banking infrastructure in Bargarh and Jharsuguda Districts of Odisha, including the state of Odisha state is as under:

Bargarh District:

As on Date	Branch	BCs	ATM	IPPB
Mar-2023	189	841	181	224
Mar-2024	203	1,183	184	283
Mar-2025	206	1,357	180	280
Oct-2025	212	1,393	186	281

Jharsuguda District:

As on Date	Branch	BCs	ATM	IPPB
Mar-2023	109	188	142	87
Mar-2024	112	274	144	92
Mar-2025	112	319	140	92
Oct-2025	113	342	140	92

Odisha State:

As on Date	Branch	BCs	ATM	IPPB
Mar-2023	5,890	18,871	7,070	7,150
Mar-2024	6,155	29,324	7,149	8,964
Mar-2025	6,349	34,468	7,030	8,976
Oct-2025	6,411	36,081	7,187	9,051
