

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CIRCULATION OF BHUTANESE CURRENCY IN WEST BENGAL QUESTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to the shortage of Indian currency in West Bengal, Bhutanese currency is used and accepted by the public and shopkeepers in various districts of the State;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate Indian currency in West Bengal and to check the circulation of Bhutanese currency in the State ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance & Company Affairs(SHRI ANANDRAO V.ADSUL)

(a)&(b)_: Circulation of Bhutanese currency in bordering areas of West Bengal is not due to shortage of Indian currency.

(c): The currency chest branches in the bordering areas of West Bengal are holding adequate Indian currency to meet the requirement of the area.