

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF DEVAS BANK CURRENCY NOTE PRESS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the action plan formulated for expansion of Devas Bank Currency Note Press, Madhya Pradesh and providing drinking water in this Press;
- (b) the time by which the Government propose to start complete the expansion work there;
- (c) whether the Government contemplating to manufacturing the printing ink for currency notes at Devas Bank Currency Note Press; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) : No action plan has been formulated by the Government for expansion of Bank Note Press, Dewas. However, modernisation of the Press has been undertaken for increasing its capacity. For the augmentation of existing water supply to Bank Note Press, Dewas, the Government has already approved 'in principle' a scheme for bringing water from Lakhundar Dam (in M.P.), to be executed through PHE Department of MP State Government, on deposit work basis. The PHE department of the MP State Government has also promised to submit the requisite Detailed Project Report in respect of the above Scheme on urgent basis, for further consideration by the Central Government.

(c) & (d) : Except one type of ink, i.e., Intaglio Quickset ink, the ink factory at Dewas is already meeting full requirement of all other type of printing inks of the two note printing presses under Government control, i.e. Bank Note Press, Dewas and Currency Note Press, Nasik. We do not have the technology for manufacture of Quickset Intaglio ink.