

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SBI SCHEMES FOR NRI

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether SBI has launched two individual deposit schemes for NRIs for a limited period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the minimum amount fixed for deposit under these two schemes; and
- (d) the response shown by NRIs under these two schemes since its launching?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. State Bank of India has launched two schemes namely 'Pravasi Vaibhav' and 'Pravasi Samridhi' w.e.f. 24.9.2003. Details of both the schemes are as under:

(i) 'Pravasi Vaibhav' is essentially an NRE deposited for 1 year with an underlying forward contract to enable the Bank to pay maturity proceeds in US \$. The yield on the deposit is NRE deposit rate for 1 year minus the cost of forward contract. RBI has permitted booking of forward contract on behalf of NRIs against their deposits.

(ii) 'Pravasi Samridhi' deposit in US \$, Euro and GBP for tenures of 1, 2 and 3 years was offered at Bank's OBU's at Mumbai (SEEPZ), Bahrain, Singapore and Nassau.

(iii) The interest rate offered on 'Pravasi Samridhi' deposit scheme was slightly higher than FCNR(B) deposits.

(iv) Loan facility was made available to NRIs against both the deposits.

(v) Minimum amount of deposit under 'Pravasi Vaibhav' scheme is US \$ 10,000. In case of 'Pravasi Samridhi' scheme, the minimum amount was US \$ 5000/GBP 5000/Euro 5000.

(d) Since the launching of these schemes w.e.f. 24.9.2003, the Bank has mobilized Rs. 293.70 crore and Rs. 18.14 crore under 'Pravasi Samridhi' and 'Pravasi Vaibhav' schemes respectively.