

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN BANK DEPOSITS DUE TO REDUCTION IN RATE OF INTEREST

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether bank deposits have decline considerably as a result of reduction in the rate of interest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government propose to launch other alternative schemes to attract the customers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir. In fact, deposits of scheduled commercial banks during the current financial year up to February 9, 2001 have increased by Rs. 1,28,442 crore (15.8 per cent) as compared to an increase of Rs. 84,588 crore (11.8 per cent) during the corresponding period of the previous year.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of the reply above.