

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:140  
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SPECIALISED BRANCHES OF BANKS FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether RBI has issued directions to all public sector banks to set up onespecialised branch in every district to cater exclusively to women entpreneurs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time limit fixed by RBI to implement these directives; and
- (c) the bank-wise number of such branches set up so far?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has advised all Public Sector Banks on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2000 to take appropriate action in regard to opening of specialized branches in every district of the country over the next one year for financing women entrepreneurs.
- (c) RBI has so far not received any request from banks for opening of such branches.