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Norms for NBFC
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has recently proposed to tighten norms for Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the existing vigilance mechanism for NBFC is insufficient in view of growing importance of the finance sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

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