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Title: The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Minister of State in the Ministry of shipping laid a statement correcting the reply given on 20.07.2018 to Unstarred Question No. 571 by Dr. C. Gopalakrishnan and Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MPs regarding 'Fake Currency; and giving reasons for delay in correcting the reply.

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI
PON RADHAKRISHNAN):** Madam, with your permission, I rise to lay a statement regarding (i) correcting the reply given on 20.07.2018 to Unstarred Question No.571(Hindi and English versions) by Dr. C. Gopalakrishnan and Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MPs regarding 'Fake Currency' and (ii) giving reasons for delay in correcting the reply.

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

STATEMENT BY SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, CORRECTING THE ANSWER GIVEN ON 20.07.2018 IN THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 571 DATED 20.07.2018 ASKED BY DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN AND SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM REGARDING "FAKE CURRENCY"

In the reply to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 571 replied on 20.07.2018 regarding 'Fake Currency' raised by Dr. C. Gopalakrishnan and Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, the total number of incidents/cases of detection of Fake Indian Currency Notes reported along with the number of such currencies seized in various parts of the country after demonetization may be read as :

Total number of 427858 Fake Indian Currency Notes amounting Rs. 29,47,42,784 have been seized by Police from 09.11.2016 to 30.06.2018.

Reason for delay : In the part (a) of the reply indicating total number and value of Fake Indian Currency Notes seized after demonetization, there has been an error which crept into the details inadvertently on account of delay in receiving the correct figure by the figure by the field unit at the time of framing reply.

CORRECTED REPLY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 571

TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th JULY 2018/ 29th ASHADHA 1940
(SAKA)

FAKE CURRENCY

QUESTION

571. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN;

SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

- (a) The number of incidents/ cases of detection of fake currencies reported along with the number of such currencies seized in various parts of the country after demonetisation;
- (b) Whether the security features in the new notes are inadequate to identify the difference between the real and fake notes in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the banks have any policy in place to replace the fake notes or mutilated or scribbled new currencies in order to avoid any financial losses to general public; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) : Total number of 427858 Fake Indian Currency Notes amounting Rs. 29,47,42,784 have been seized by Police from 9/11/2016 to 30/6/2018.

(b) : Incorporating new security features/designs in the banknotes to stay ahead of the counterfeiters is an on-going process. The security features are strengthened from time to time to enhance the counterfeit resistance of the notes. The new series of bank notes contain various security features which are difficult to counterfeit. The key security features of new series notes of Rs 2000 and Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations are:

See through register with denominational numeral can be seen when the note is held against it

Latent image with denominational numeral can be seen when the banknote is held at 45 degree angle at eye level.

Micro letters 'RBI', 'भारत', 'India' and the denomination numeral

Colour shift windowed security thread with inscriptions ' भारत', RBI and denominational numeral. Colour of the thread changes from green to blue when the note is tilted

Mahatma Gandhi portrait and Electrotype watermarks

Number panel with numerals growing from small to big on the top left side and bottom right side

Intaglio or raised printing of Mahatma Gandhi portrait, Ashoka Pillar emblem, bleed lines and identity mark

Denominational numeral with Rupee Symbol, in colour changing ink (green to blue) on bottom right

Angular bleed lines on left and right side in raised print.

(c) & (d) : There is no policy in place to replace the fake notes. However, Reserve Bank of India has been extending facilities to the public for exchanging cut and mutilated notes at all its Issue Offices and currency chest branches of commercial banks. In order to make the Note Refund Rules easy to understand and to apply, Reserve Bank of India (Note Refund) Rules, 2009 has been comprehensively revised and simplified to help members of the public exchange the cut/mutilated

notes in their possession without difficulty.

ORIGINAL REPLY

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) : Total number of 520534 Fake Indian Currency Notes amounting Rs. 39,18,63,862 have been seized by Police from 9/11/2016 to 31/5/2018.

(b) : Incorporating new security features/designs in the banknotes to stay ahead of the counterfeiters is an on-going process. The security features are strengthened from time to time to enhance the counterfeit resistance of the notes. The new series of bank notes contain various security features which are difficult to counterfeit. The key security features of new series notes of Rs 2000 and Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations are:

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