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Opening of new branches by PSUs

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To promote financial inclusion and to extend the banking network in unbanked areas, general permission has been granted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to domestic Scheduled Commercial Banks including Public Sector Banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks) to open branches at any place in the country, without seeking prior approval of RBI in each case, subject to at least 25 percent of the total number of branches opened during a financial year being opened in unbanked rural (Tier 5 and Tier 6) centres (population up to 9,999). RBI has also specified that the total number of branches opened in Tier 1 centres (population 1,00,000 and above) during the financial year cannot exceed the total number of branches opened in Tier 2 to Tier 6 centres (population up to 99,999) and all centres in the North Eastern States and Sikkim.

Number of branches opened by Public Sector Banks in rural, semi-urban, urban and metropolitan centres for financial year 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (up to 31.12.2016) are as under:

Population Group	2016-17 (till 31.12. 2016)	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Rural	435	1,067	1,992	3,076
Semi-Urban	366	946	1,683	2,418
Urban	323	617	1,064	1,247
Metropolitan	325	666	924	1,101
All India	1,449	3,296	5,663	7,842

State Bank of India (SBI) has informed that 20 representations were received for opening the branches under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, and survey has been conducted for all 20 branches. State-wise details are at Annex. SBI has not indicated any time by which new branches are likely to be opened.

"Opening of new branches of SBI in villages under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana".

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5.	Chamandkhan	Almorah	Uttarakhand	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
6.	Bhareri	Hamirpur	Himachal Pradesh	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
7.	Behal Nawanny (Bifalghat)	Bilaspur	Himachal Pradesh	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
8.	Jaihar	Sirmour	Himachal Pradesh	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
9.	Thumpala	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	Branch opening found viable in survey report.
10.	Bagga, Chauwan	Udham Singh Nagar	Uttarakhand	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
11.	Ukhimath	Rudraprayag	Uttarakhand	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
12.	Phalodi	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
13.	Sanganer	Jaipur	Rajasthan	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
14.	Pilibanga	Hanumangarh	Rajasthan	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
15.	Pipramaff	Mahoba	Uttar Pradesh	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
16.	Bharat Bhari	Siddharthnagar	Uttar Pradesh	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
17.	Rahpura Jagir village	Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh	Branch opening at that centre not found viable. However, Business Correspondent provided for customer service.
18.	Chiephobozou	Kohima	Nagaland	Branch opening at that centre not found viable. Resurvey to assess the feasibility of opening the branch being conducted.
19.	Maram	Senapati	Manipur	Branch opening at that centre not found viable
20.	Kishunpur	Palamou	Jharkhand	Branch opening found viable in survey report.

Source: State Bank of India

This was stated by Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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