

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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BANK DACOITIES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of loot, dacoity and burglary in public sector banks is on the rise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of incidents of loot, dacoity and burglary in various public sector banks of the country during the last 3 years and till May, 2003 and the total worth of loot of the Government exchequer as a result thereof;
- (d) the number of people against whom action has been taken in these incidents and the total amount recovered from them;
- (e) whether the Government have taken any effective measures to ensure safety in the banks and prevent incidents of dacoity and loot; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL):

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) and (d) The details of incidents of robberies/dacoities occurred, amounts involved /recovered during the years 2000, 2001, 2002 & 2003 (Upto May, 2003) as reported by public sector banks to Reserve Bank of India are as under:-

Year	No. of incidents	Amount involved (Rs.inlaks)	Amount recovered (Rs.inlaks)
2000	110	1013.39	143.02
2001	107	410.30	26.22
2002	106	619.21	110.73
2003	32	238.99	27.48

(upto May)

(146 persons have been arrested in connection with these incidents.)

(e) and (f) Security measures implemented by the public sector banks are reviewed in the State Level Security Committee meetings convened by RBI. The meetings are required to be attended by bankers and State Government officials including senior Police officials. The Committee takes stock of the security environment in the State, steps needed to be taken to strengthen bank security and whenever further improvements are necessary requisite guidelines/ instructions are given to banks. Banks have classified their branches depending on the risk factor involved and posted armed guards, installed anti-burglary devices etc., wherever necessary. Where deficiencies are reported in regard to guarding of bank branches by the armed guards supplied by the State Police, the Committee stresses on the police officials to provide adequate armed guards.