

- (iii) Commercial readiness of infrastructure to support PIN at PoS terminals by June 30, 2013.
- (iv) Issuers to be ready from technical perspective to issue EMV cards by June 30, 2013.

Revision of Fiscal Deficit target

2225. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to revise the Fiscal Deficit target; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):
(a) and (b) As per Budgetary procedure, the Revised Estimates for Fiscal Deficit of current year are presented with the Budget estimates of the next financial year.

Gender discrimination in promotion of PNB employees

2226. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the cadre-wise policy of "Transfer on Promotion" in the Punjab National Bank (PNB);
- (b) whether the policy of "Transfer on Promotion" is different for male and female employees;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether female employees are not transferred to outstation branches on promotion like their male counterparts;
- (e) if so, the reasons for not transferring female employees to out station branches inspite by the fact that they are getting all the benefits similar to that of male employees;
- (f) whether such a policy puts the female employees at an advantageous position whereas large number of male employees are losing their promotions; and
- (g) if so, the reasons for having such a discriminating policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):
(a) to (c) As reported by the Punjab National Bank (PNB) the extant placement guidelines on promotion are given in Statement-I and II (See below).

(d) to (g) As per the extant guidelines, Female employees are considered as a special category and may be retained in their parent Circles subject to availability of vacancy in that Circle.