



Over 99% of demonetised notes were returned: RBI

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- The Reserve Bank of India's annual report for 2017-18 said more than 99% of the Rs.500 and Rs.1,000 notes, which were withdrawn from circulation in November 2016, had been returned to the central bank.
- The total value of such notes returned from circulation is Rs.15.31 lakh crore.
- RBI data showed that the value of banknotes in circulation increased by 37.7% over the year to Rs.18.04 lakh crore at end-March 2018.

More Rs.500 notes

- With more Rs.500 notes having been pumped into the system over the last year, the share of Rs.2,000 notes by value declined to 37.3% as on March 2018, compared with 50.2% a year earlier.
- The share of Rs.500 notes, in terms of value, increased from 22.5% to 42.9% in the same period.
- "The share of newly introduced Rs.200 banknotes in the total value of banknotes in circulation was 2.1% at end-March 2018," the report released said.
- Overall, the value of banknotes in circulation was Rs.18,037 billion as on March 2018, a growth of 9.9% over March 2016.
- "There is a 5.8%/Rs.1 lakh crore shift in favour of small denomination currency notes," the report said.
- The central bank said the processing of the withdrawn bank notes has been completed at all centres of the Reserve Bank.

Electronic Transactions

- While cash has come back into the system, electronic payments also registered a healthy growth, RBI data showed.
- The share of electronic transactions in the total volume of retail payments increased to 92.6% in 2017-18, from 88.9% in the previous year with a corresponding reduction in the share of paper-based clearing instruments from 11.1% in 2016-17 to 7.4% in 2017-18.

Prepaid Payments Instruments

- Prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) recorded a volume of about 3.5 billion transactions, valued at Rs. 1,416 billion while mobile banking services witnessed a growth of 92% and 13% in volume and value terms.

- The number of registered customers rose by 54% to 251 million at end-March 2018 from 163 million at end-March 2017, the RBI said.

Additional Info:

Prepaid payment instruments

- Prepaid payment instruments are methods that facilitate purchase of goods and services against the value stored on such instruments.
- The value stored on such instruments represents the value paid for by the holder, by cash, by debit to a bank account, or by credit card.

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