

1	2	3
8.	Chitradurga	475
9.	Dakshina Kannada	791
10.	Dharwad	642
11.	Gulbarga	621
12.	Hassan	415
13.	Kodagu	217
14.	Kolar	415
15.	Mandya	364
16.	Mysore	605
17.	Raichoor	505
18.	Shimoga	467
19.	Tumkur	568
20.	Uttar Kannada	494
Total:		9785

STATEMENT-II

Details of the number of villages without post offices, district-wise in Karnataka

S.No.	Name of District	No. of Villages without post offices
1.	Bangalore Urban	372
2.	Bangalore Rural	1662
3.	Belgaum	560
4.	Bellary	205
5.	Bidar	301
6.	Bijapur	628
7.	Chikmagaloor	741
8.	Chitradurga	842
9.	Dakshina Kannada	124
10.	Dharwad	794
11.	Gulbarga	696
12.	Hassan	1988
13.	Kodagu	117
14.	Kolar	2479
15.	Mandya	1029
16.	Mysore	1134
17.	Raichoor	936
18.	Shimoga	1414
19.	Tumkur	1978
20.	Uttar Kannada	868
Total:		18868

Dr. Ambedkar Award

3890. SHRI A. VENKATESH NAIK : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of the Dr. Ambedkar Award which was recently instituted by the Government;

(b) whether it carries a monetary award; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) Dr. Ambedkar National Award for Social Understanding and Upliftment of Weaker Sectors has been instituted with effect from the year 1993, and shall carry an amount of Rs.10.00 lakhs and a Citation. Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change is being instituted with effect from the year 1995, and shall carry an amount of Rs.1.5 million which will be paid in the preferred currency of the recipient, and a citation. Both the Awards shall be conferred annually.

[Translation]

Theft of Gold From Vishwanath Temple

3891. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the golden leaf from the Vishwanath Temple pinnacle of Varanasi is missing;

(b) if so, whether the Government have probed into this case; and

(c) if so, the outcome therefrom and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON) : (a) to (c) Theft of a Gold leaf from the pinnacle of the Vishwanath Temple, Varanasi was reported in July, 1981. After investigation the case has been challenged in Court and the Gold leaf is in the Sadar Malkhana of the district.

[English]

STD/PCO in Kerala

3892. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of STD/ISD PCOs functioning in Kerala, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : The No. of STD/ISD PCOs functioning in Kerala, District-wise is given below :-

S.No.	District	Number of STD/ISD PCOs
1	2	3
1.	Trivandrum	467
2.	Quilon	420