

Conditions laid down for the upgradation of post offices:

Branch Post Offices to Extra-departmental sub-post office.	The workload of the office on upgradation should not be less than 3 hours per day and the proposed office should be self-supporting financially.
Branch Extra departmental Sub-post office to Departmental sub-post office.	The workload of the office on upgradation should not be less than 5 hours per day and loss in upgradation should not exceed Rs. 1000/- per annum in rural areas and Rs. 500/- in Urban areas.
Sub-post office to Head Post Office.	A Sub-Office is upgraded to afford relief to its Head Office and where this would improve mail arrangements and financing of offices. A Head office is bifurcated when the number of offices under its accounts jurisdiction exceeds 60. This standard is relaxable in the case of backward districts.

(b) The criteria for opening branch post offices on realisation of Non-returnable-contribution is as indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library; See No. LT-4826/73].

(c) The income of the proposed as well as the parent post offices is determined according to a formula prescribed by the P. & T. Department as indicated in the statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See LT- No. 4826/73].

Consultations with West Bengal on its Share in the Fifth Plan

7374 SHRI GADADHAR SAHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether consultation have been held with West Bengal State Government with regard to their share in the Fifth Plan outlay;

(b) if so, what will be the total outlay for that State; and

(c) the schemes which West Bengal has been advised to draw up and when these will be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). The West Bengal Government has yet to finalise its Draft Fifth Five Year Plan.

(c) The Planning Commission has issued general guidelines to the States for the formulation of Fifth Five Year Plan advising them about the national priorities as enunciated in the "Approach to the Fifth Plan" and to evolve an integrated strategy on the basis of the experience of the Fourth Plan, the aspirations of the people, the need for augmenting employment and improving the conditions of the poorest sections and backward areas.

Idols Stolen from Temples

7375, SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of temples in the North and South from where idols were stolen and how many of them have been traced and the number of untraceable idol during last year;