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North Eastern Region		
Requirement	1506	1594
Availability	1490	1632
Surplus/Deficit (%)	— 16 (1.1)	+ 38 (2.4)
Total All-India		
Requirement	145284	155432
Availability	129693	145013
Deficit (%)	—15591 (10.7)	—10419 (6.7)

[*Translation*]**Opening of Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices in Hill Districts of Uttar Pradesh**

4438. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to states :

(a) whether branch post offices of sub-post offices have been opened in all the places found suitable in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh during the last five years;

(b) if not, the district-wise number of places in the eight districts which were found suitable for opening of post offices but these have not been opened at those places;

(c) whether his Minister propose to open branch Post Offices or Sub-Post Offices at all these places by the end of this year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Branch Post offices and sub-post offices found suitable according to departmental norms in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh

upto the time of imposition of ban on creation of posts have been opened.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). On account of the existing ban on creation of posts there is no programme being implemented at present to open new post offices. However, under a new scheme introduced with effect from 16.8.85, licenses can be granted to suitable institutions/individuals to undertake specified items of postal work in their localities/villages on commission basis.

Construction of Departmental Residential Flats for Employees of Posts and Telegraphs in Hill Areas

4439. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that the employees of his Ministry working in hill areas of the country have to face acute accomodation problem;

(b) if so, whether any scheme is likely to be formulated for building departmental residential flats on priority basis for the employees working in these areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?