

10017 village post offices in Madhya Pradesh are having Savings Bank facilities.

*PCO and Telegraph:*

PCO and Telegraph facility in villages provided now may be through post offices or places of public access like Gram Panchayat Offices, grocer shops etc. As such number of villages in Madhya Pradesh where PCO and telegraph facilities are available is 8292.

(b) *Savings Bank:*

All rural post offices are provided with Savings Bank facilities in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c). *PCO and Telegraph:*

While PCO facility is planned to be provided in near future in all Gram Panchayat villages in Madhya Pradesh as above, provision of telegraph facility through these offices/shops etc. shall depend on public demand.

(c) and (d). *Savings Bank:*

Does not arise.

(d) *PCO and Telegraph:*

Does not arise.

[English]

### **New Post Offices in Gujarat**

4624. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices functioning in Gujarat district-wise;

(b) the number of post offices opened from January 1990 to November, 1992 district-wise and the amount spent thereon; and

(c) the proposal for opening of new post

offices during 1993-94?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The total number of 600 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 100 Departmental Sub Post Offices will be opened in the country under Annual Plan 1993-94. The State-wise allotment has not yet been finalised.

### **Small Airports**

4625. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:  
SHRI SOBHANADEREESWARA RAO VADDE:  
SHRI R. SURINDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Airports Authority has drawn up a plan to hand over all small airports to State Governments;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the option of the State Government has been sought in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). No proposal to hand over small airports to the State Governments is under consideration of the Government. The proposal is at the preliminary stage in the National Airports Authority.