

**Post and Telegraph Offices in West Bengal**

3128. SHRI MOTILAL HASDA:  
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in West Bengal which do not have post and telegraph offices till now, district-wise;

(b) the number of post and telegraph offices opened in West Bengal during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the number of post and telegraph offices proposed to be opened during the next three years; year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) The number of villages in West Bengal district-wise which do not have post offices till now is indicated in the statement annexed. Information in respect of telegraph offices is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

(b) The number of post offices and telegraphs offices opened in West

Bengal during the last three years is as follows:

Year	No. of post offices	No. of telegraph offices
1977-78	120	95
1978-79	400	53
1979-80	352	47

The number of Post offices shown above is for West Bengal Circle which includes Sikkim and A&N islands also.

District-wise figures are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Under the Annual Plan 1980-81 earlier approved by the Planning Commission the proposal is to open about 250 new rural post offices and 72 telegraph offices in West Bengal. District-wise break-up is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha. These figures are however, subject to modification in the light of the new Five Year Plan, 1980-85, under preparation. Targets for 1981-82 and 1982-83 will be fixed after the new Five Year Plan is finalised.

**Statement**

*Statement showing the number of villages in West Bengal which do not have post offices*

S. No.	Name of the District	No. of villages which do not have post offices.
1.	Burdwan	2008
2.	Bankura	3123
3.	Birbhum	1842
4.	Cooch Bihar	886
5.	Darjeeling	385
6.	Hooghly	1486
7.	Howrah	508
8.	Jalpaiguri	507
9.	Midnapore	9164
10.	Malda	1355
11.	Murshidabad	1464
12.	Nadia	924
13.	Purulia	2081
14.	West Dinajpur	2889
15.	24-Parganas	2742
	Total	31,364