

Criteria/Norms for Providing Postal Facilities

1653. CHAUDHARY KHURSHID AHMED:
SHRI HET RAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/norms, if any, laid down by Government to provide postal facilities corresponding with the growth of new areas/colonies in a city to keep with the demand;

(b) whether any comprehensive study has been made to know the new areas/colonies in various cities in the country where postal facilities are lacking and those where such facilities have become inadequate with the growth of the area;

(c) if so, the details thereof stating the areas which are lacking in postal facilities in Haryana; and

(d) whether Government have formulated any plan to provide adequate postal facilities in the new areas and to augment the existing inadequate facilities to cope with demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information is furnished in the Statement given below.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All Circles have formulated proposals in the light of the criteria set forth. In so far as Haryana is concerned the following developing areas have been identified for opening of new post offices.

- i) Panchkula (Sectors 4 & 15)
- ii) Industrial Area Daruhera

- iii) Education Board Campus Bhiwani
- iv) Engineering College Campus Murthal.

(d) Yes, Sir.

STATEMENT

Criteria adopted for providing postal facilities to new urban areas/colonies

- i) Proposals for post offices in Satellite towns/colonies coming up as part of the urban development/housing plans of State Governments and Union Territories are dealt with as part of the Plan schemes of the Department of posts for purposes of sanction of new establishment.
- ii) A minimum anticipated work load of five hours per day will be necessary.
- iii) In cases not covered by (i) above new post offices may be opened provided matching savings are available to the extent required to meet the staff costs involved.
- iv) In all cases, a post office opened in an urban area is required to be financially self-supporting; further no new post office is opened in an urban area within a distance of 2 kms from an existing post office (1.5 km in the case of cities with a population of 20 lakhs or more.)

Electrification of Villages in Moradabad, U.P.

1654. SHRI HAFIZ MOHD. SIDDIQ: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state: