

In the second phase, Achievement Audit Committees for 5 Research Institutes were constituted in 1977. During 1980, another 13 Achievement Audit Committees were constituted according to the revised guidelines. The position of the Achievement Audit Committees in respect of another 7 Research Institutes has been finalised and the consent of the members is being ascertained for issue of orders. Steps are also being taken to constitute Achievement Audit Committees for the 7 Research Institutes for which the audit would be due only in 1981-82.

Number of Branch P.O. and P.C.O. opened in the Country, State-wise

94. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Branch Post Offices and PCOs opened in the country, State-wise, during the current year; and

(b) the target for the year 1980, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). Circle-wise targets for the current year 1980-81 and number of post offices opened from 1-4-1980 to 30-9-1980 are indicated in the Annexure. Information regarding the number of P.C.Os. opened during the current year and the target for 1980-81 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

1	Targets fixed for opening of P. Os. during 1980-81.	Branch Offices opened from 1-4-80 to 30-9-80
1	2	3
1. Andhra Pradesh	160	230
2. Bihar	125	164
3. Delhi	10	1
4. Gujarat	80	77
5. J & K	75	3
6. Kerala	75	3
7. Karnataka	90	52
8. Madhya Pradesh	115	199
9. Maharashtra	115	166
Goa		2
10. North Eastern Circle	100	—
Assam		24
Arunachal Pradesh		—
Manipur		4
Mizhalaya		2
Mizoram		—
Nagaland		—
Tripura		—

1	2	3
11. North Western Circle	110	
Punjab		21
Haryana		6
H.P.		27
12. Orissa	125	31
13. Rajasthan	155	133
14. Tamilnadu	90	16
15. U.P.	100	18
16. West Bengal	75	3
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Promotion Avenues in P. & T.

95. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHAR-
YA: Will the Minister of COMMUNI-
CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the fate of 20 per cent promotional scheme in P&T introduced in the year 1974 and whether it is sufficient or department is going to consider more promotional avenues for non-gazetted staff;

(b) if so, what are those and when will be implemented;

(c) whether this scheme is being implemented in all cadres of P&T Department all over India;

(d) if so, what is the position of its implementation, Circle-wise, in postal side;

(e) whether promotional orders are being issued timely and the number of beneficiaries in preceding years with percentage of staff; and

(f) whether there is provision of confirmation of officials on the post in P&T?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNI-
CATIONS (SHRI KARTIK
ORAO): (a) to (f). The 20 per cent

promotional scheme was introduced in 1974 to provide better promotional avenues to the staff in P&T Department. It has been implemented in various cadres of the Department all over the country. Promotional orders are generally issued in time. Confirmation of officials on their posts is made in accordance with the existing rules and orders of the Government. As regards number of beneficiaries with percentage of staff as well as Circle-wise (Postal), the information is under collection and will be placed on the Table of the House. Recently the staff have represented for at least two promotions in one's official career. It is under active consideration of the Department.

Post Offices opened in Burdwan District

96. SHRI SUSHIL BHATTACHAR-
YA: Will the Minister of COMMUNI-
CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Branch Post Offices and PCOs opened in the Burdwan district of West Bengal during the current year; and

(b) the target for the year 1980;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS