

(b) The proposed post office is expected to yield income to the extent of atleast 10 per cent of its estimated cost.

(ii) Post Offices in non gram-panchayat villages may be opened subject to the following conditions:—

(a) The village (or an integrated cluster of villages within a radius of 1.5 Kms.) should have a population of 1,000 or more;

(b) There should not be another post office within the radius of 3 Kms. from the proposed post office; and

(c) The proposed post office is expected to yield income to the extent of atleast 10 per cent of its estimated cost.

B. Norms for opening of Post Offices in urban areas.

Post Offices in urban areas may be opened subject to the following conditions:—

(i) The post office should be self-supporting.

(ii) The minimum distance between two post offices should be 1 kilometre in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above. In other urban areas, the minimum distance between two post offices should be 1.5 Kilometers.

(iii) PMG can relax the distance condition in 10 per cent of the cases every year.

(iv) EDBO's can be opened in urban areas only in exceptional cases like slum areas where suitable departmental buildings on reasonable rent are not available. So far as the opening of EDSO's in urban areas is concerned, this will continue to be governed by this office order issued under U.O. No. 1-12/78-PRP dated 19-3-1979.

Engineering Posts in D.V.C. Comparable with similar Posts in Public Sector

4857. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many senior Engineering posts are there in the Electricity Department with basic pay of Rs. 2000 and above per month in the DVC and how the same compares with similar or near similar public sector organisations;

(b) how many graduate engineers DVC has employed in the rank of Assistant Engineer and above and what is the annual establishment cost of the same as per latest position; and

(c) whether there is any functional difference between the Electricity Department of the DVC and other public sector power supply organisations (without retail distribution) and how they compare from organisational point of view in all respects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM-MAHAJAN): (a) to (c). Total number of senior engineering posts in Electricity Department of DVC with basic pay of Rs 2000 and above per month, is 11. Total number of graduate engineers of and above the rank of Asstt. Engineer is 526. Annual establishment cost for them is estimated as Rs. 1.85 crores.

DVC, set up in 1948 under an Act of Parliament, is a unique multipurpose organisation with the joint participation of the Central Government and the States of Bihar and West Bengal. Functionally, there is no basic and fundamental difference between the Electricity Department of DVC and that of similar public utilities.

Engineering Posts created after assumption of Office by present chairman by D.V.C.

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