

which have been decided to be weeded out by the Drug Control Authorities, manufacturing units were allowed time till 30th September, 1982 for stopping the production and 31st March, 1983 for stoppage of sales. The production of such drugs has been stopped from 1-10-82, by M/s. Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. The position regarding M/s. Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited is however, being confirmed.

Post Offices Downgraded/Closed in Himachal Pradesh

2581. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any post offices have been (i) downgraded, (ii) closed on account of financial losses incurred by them, during the past three years in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names thereof, separately; and

(c) whether any steps are being undertaken to restore these so as to provide this essential facility in the State with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No post office is downgraded/closed on account of financial loss as such.

However in the case of departmental sub offices opened on the basis of non-returnable contribution (NRC), if the contribution is not forthcoming from the concerned parties, then the question of its downgradation to ED post office is considered provided the post office satisfies the norms prescribed for EDSO/EDBO as the case may be. Moreover, under the existing policy in

rural areas an experimental post office, which cannot be made permanent after the maximum trial period of 10 years on account of the loss being in excess of the permissible limit, is to be closed.

In accordance with this policy (i) 8 post offices have been downgraded either from departmental sub office to ED sub office or from E.D. sub office to E.D. branch office. (ii) 1 ED branch post office has been closed in Himachal Pradesh during the past three years.

(b) Information is furnished below: Downgrading from Departmental Sub Post Office to E.D. Sub Post Office.

(i) Qasba Kotla in Kangra Distt.

(ii) Jangal Beri in Hamirpur Distt.

(iii) Chanaur in Dehra Distt.

(iv) Jahu in Hamirpur Distt.

(v) Bahina in Una Distt.

(vi) Tikkar in Simla Distt.

Downgrading from E.D. Sub Post Office to E.D. Branch Post Office

(vii) Jagitnagar in Solan Distt.

(viii) Sanaura in Solan Distt.

Closed

(i) Bagli E.D. Branch Post Office in Dehra Distt.

(c) Cases are being pursued with the State Government for payment of non-returnable contribution in respect of all the above offices.

Opening of Post Offices in Rural Areas

2582. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) targets for opening of new post offices in the rural areas during the Sixth Five Year Plan State-wise;

(b) the number of post offices opened during the first two years of the Plan and the first half of the third year of the Plan State-wise;

(c) the targets fixed for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Years of Sixth Plan State-wise; and

(d) whether, while fixing the targets, care has been taken to see that all panchayat villages are provided at least one post office each within its jurisdiction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c). Targets fixed for opening Post Offices in rural areas of the country

for the first three years of the Sixth Five Year Plan i.e. 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 and the number of Post Offices actually opened during the period (upto 30-9-1982 in the case of current year 1982-83) in the various States of the country are given in the attached statement. Plan targets for the fourth and fifth years of the Plan are yet to be fixed.

(d) Circle-wise targets are fixed in the light of the provision made in the Annual Plan and taking into account the relative postal development of the different Circles. In any particular Plan year, priorities are determined by the Heads of Circles. In this exercise, due consideration is given to 'Gram Panchayat', villages.

STATEMENT

Plan targets fixed for opening Post Offices in rural areas during the year 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 and the number of Post Offices actually opened during the period (upto 30-9-82 in the case of year 1982-83)—State-wise.

Sl. No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	1980-81		1981-82		1982-83	
		Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement up to 30-9-82
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	160	235	105	105	45	21
2	Bihar	135	184	175	175	111	88
3	Delhi	10	8	5	5	3	1
4	(i) Gujrat	80	84	60	60	45	35
	(ii) Diu and Daman area of the Union Territory of Goa, Diu and Daman.						
	(iii) Dadra and Nagar Haveli						
5	Jammu & Kashmir	50	50	50	50	25	4
6	(i) Kerala	75	75	55	56	15	8
	(ii) Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	—	—
	(iii) Mahc area of Pondi- cherry Union Territory.	—	—	—	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
7	Karnataka . . .	90	90	85	85	50	25	
8	Madhya Pradesh	115	206	181	181	100	60	
9	(i) Maharashtra . . .	130	181	141	141	80	48	
	(ii) Goa, area of Goa, Daman & Diu.		2	4	4		3	
10	(i) Assam . . .	50	57	50	50	85	17	
	(ii) Arunachal Pradesh	5	5	7	7		2	
	(iii) Manipur . . .	8	10	11	11		22	
	(iv) Meghalaya . . .	13	19	10	10		2	
	(v) Mizoram . . .	13	13	10	10		2	
	(vi) Nagaland . . .	6	6	11	11		4	
	(vii) Tripura . . .	5	5	6	6		4	
11	(i) Punjab . . .	22	22	7	8	13	10	
	(ii) Haryana . . .	8	9	17	17	13	15	
	(iii) Himachal Pradesh	80	80	40	40	16	11	
	(iv) Chandigarh Union Territory.	—	—	1	—	—	—	
12	Orissa	140	141	65	65	40	21	
13	Rajasthan	155	157	94	94	55	34	
14	(i) Tamilnadu . . .	75	75	85	85	40	23	
	(ii) Pondichery and Karaika area of Union Territory of Pondichery.							
15	Uttar Pradesh . . .	100	100	220	220	160	65	
16	(i) West Bengal . . .	75	74	102	102	56	17	
	(ii) Sikkim		—	—	2			2
	(iii) Andaman and Nicobar Islands		—	1	1			1
17	Reserve	—	—	—	—	48	—	
Total		1600	1889	1600	1601	1000	542	