

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1271
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HIGH CHARGES OF SPEED POST
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- a. whether charges of Speed Post by P&T are more than those of private couriers resulting into diversion of business to them;
- b. if so, the measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- c. if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): Speed Post is operating in a competitive environment. The rates of Speed Post are lower than the published rates of the organised couriers, both in the domestic market and in the International market. Speed Post has been consistently growing, as seen in the table given below: Growth of Speed Post traffic in the last three years:

Year NO. of Speed Post Growth over the previous year.
articles booked (in lakhs)

1997-98	141.4	25.8%
1998-99	195.95	38.6%
1999-00	312.64	59.6%

Department of Posts has taken the following measures to operate effectively in the competitive express market.

- a. Increasing the weight limit to 35 kg. per consignment
- b. provision of Door-to -door delivery services
- c. provision of Track and Trace System
- d. computerisation of Speed Post operations
- e. Expansion of the Speed Post network
- f. Speed Post monitoring system