

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4255
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TELECOM FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages which have post offices and PCOs till date in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of villages which are without post offices and PCOs in the country as on date, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have any time bound programme for providing post offices and PCOs in those villages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

POSTAL

(a) & (b): Postal services like delivery and collection of mail are provided to all villages in the country. Circle-wise details of number of villages with and without post offices in the country are given in Annexure.

(c) & (d): Opening of post offices in rural areas is a plan activity and post offices are opened as per targets fixed in the successive Five-Year Plans. A target of opening 500 Extra Departmental Branch Offices (EDBOs), 50 Departmental Sub Offices (DSOs) and 2000 Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras (PSSKs) has been fixed for the Annual Plan 2001-2002 of the Ninth Five-Year Plan. The post offices are opened on norm based justification, subject to availability of resources.

TELECOM

(a) & (d): Information in respect of PCOs is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annexure

NUMBER OF VILLAGES WITH AND WITHOUT POST OFFICE AS ON 31/3/2000.

Sl. No. CIRCLES NO. OF VILLAGES NUMBER OF VILLAGES
WITH A POST OFFICE WITHOUT A POST OFFICE

1	ANDHRA	14775	15196
2	ASSAM	3627	21058
3	BIHAR	11218	56295
4	DELHI	99	100
5	GUJARAT	8090	9935
	D.N. HAVELI	33	38
	D & DIU	15	11
6	HARYANMA	2318	4441
7	HIMACHAL	2646	14351
8	J & K	1469	5007
9	KARNATAKA	8379	18697
10	KERALA	1452	Nil
	LAKSHDWEEP	11	Nil
11	M. PRADESH	10240	61286
12	MAHARASHTRA	11337	29075
	GOA	204	156

13 NORTH EAST

	ARUNACHAL	301	3348
	MANIPUR	637	1545

MEGHALAYA	451	5038
MIZORAM	400	312
NAGALAND	322	896
TRIPURA	695	4055
14 ORISSA	7533	39456
15 PUNJAB	3405	9023
CHANDIGARH	7	17
16 RAJASTHAN	9581	29902
17 TAMIL NADU	10396	6984
PONDICHERY	59	233
18 U. PRADESH	18146	94658
19 WEST BENGAL	7553	33559
A & N ISLAND	86	118
SIKKIM	193	234

TOTAL 135678 465024