

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF POST OFFICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages in Assam and other North Eastern States within the ten kilometres of which there is no post office or branch post office thereof;
- (b) whether the Government have received any representation for the provision of post office facilities for such villages;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the post offices are likely to be opened;
- (d) whether the Government proposed to open new post offices in the country particularly in Kerala, North-Eastern States, Shalimar Bagh and Sansad Vihar areas of Delhi during 2000-2001;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make improvements in the rural areas of the country in this regard and provide more employment opportunities in the Communication sector particularly to the SC/ST people of the rural areas? *****

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

a) Assam State

All the villages in Assam Circle have a post office within 10 kilometres.

North Eastern States

There are 754 villages in North Eastern States where there is no post office within the distance of 10 kilometres.

b) Assam State

No representation has been received so far in this connection.

North Eastern States

In all 94 representations for the providing post office facilities have been received.

c) Assam State

Does not arise.

North Eastern State

S.No.	Name of state	No. of representations
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1.	Meghalaya	10
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2.	Mizoram	20
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3.	Nagaland	33
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4.	Manipur	31
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The opening of Post offices is subject to availability of resources and fulfillment of existing norms.

d) The annual plan for 2000-2001 for opening of post offices in the states of the country is yet to be finalized.

e) As above.

f) Does not arise.

g) For provision of employment opportunities in the Communication sector particularly to the SC/ST people of the rural areas, the prescribed principles laid down by the DOP & T on the matter of reservation in recruitment are being observed.