

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3328
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CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES SUB-POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of post offices/sub-post offices that are running into loss/profit in various States;
- (b) whether the Government propose to close down such post offices; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) Norms for opening Post offices include financial parameters and for normal rural areas as also hilly, tribal and inaccessible areas, specified amount of subsidy is permissible. Latest available collection of data in respect of rural Post offices is reflected in the Justice Talwar Committee Report which shows that 95% are running at a loss. In respect of Post Offices in urban areas no such data is maintained.
- (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present to close down any Post office.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.