

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:146
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2000
OPENING OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open Extra Departmental Post Offices in all the rural areas of the country ;
- (b) if so, the number of applications pending in this regard, particularly for Bihar ;
- (c) the likely time by which these are likely to be opened up particularly in West Bengal, Maharashtra and Bihar; and
- (d) the steps being taken to improve the functioning of the existing E.D. Post Offices ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK LABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.146 FOR 6TH MARCH, REGARDING OPENING OF POST OFFICES.

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS:

(a) The Department proposes to open Extra Departmental post offices in the rural areas of the country as a part of Plan Activity subject to availability of resources and fulfillment of the norms.

(b) The Department has received a total of 842 applications for opening of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in the country. The Circle wise break up is given in Annexure I. Out of total of 598 applications in Bihar examination has been completed in 167 cases. The remaining 431 applications are under different stages of consideration. Out of 167 proposals, already examined only 75 were found justified as per prescribed norms. The target for opening of Branch Offices for Bihar, however, is fixed at 50 for 1999-2000. So far 45 EDBOs are already sanctioned and 5 will be sanctioned shortly.

(c) The targets and their achievement so far the year 1999-2000 for opening of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in West Bengal, Maharashtra and Bihar is given below:

Name of State	Target	Already sanctioned
West Bengal	43	41
Maharashtra	50	49
Bihar	50	45

(d) During the current year, 50 EDBOs have been provided with infrastructural equipment to improve their functioning.

ANNEXURE-I

Number of applications received for opening of Branch Post Offices in the rural areas:

(1) Andhra Pradesh 5

(2) Assam	6
(3) Bihar	598
(4) Delhi	1
(5) Gujarat	1
(6) Haryana	6
(7) Himachal Pradesh	6
(8) J&K	3
(9) Karnataka	12
(10) Kerala	5
(11) M.P.	1
(12) Maharashtra	6
(13) N.E.	3
(14) Orissa	8
(15) Punjab	5
(16) Rajasthan	8
(17) Tamilnadu	5
(18) U.P.	109
(19) West Bengal	54
TOTAL	842