

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:700
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2000
CIRCLE STAMP DEPOTS
PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various Circle Stamp Depots (CSDs) place higher demand on private printers than Government printers for postal stationery and obtained supplies in excess of their requirement during 1995-97;
- (b) if so, the reasons for placing higher demand with private printers;
- (c) the normal requirement of postal stationery in a CSD and the details of order placed with Government and private printing presses during each of the last three years, press-wise and item-wise;
- (d) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

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

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.700 FOR 15TH MAY, REGARDING CIRCLE STAMPS DEPOT

(a) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that various Circle Stamp Depots placed higher demand on private printers than Government printers on postal stationery and obtained supplies in excess of their requirement during 1995-97.

(b) In view of above, does not arise.

(c) The normal requirement of postal stationery in a CSD is 120 days of consumption of that particular item. During each of the last 3 years orders were placed only on government printing presses, for all stationery items, except for 3-flap Inland Letter Cards, which is not produced by the government printing presses. The single flap ILC produced by the govt. presses is not machinable, and the government presses have been asked to procure the required production facility. Against the total requirement of Inland Letter Cards, orders on private presses, have been placed as follows -

1997-98	-	34.07% of total requirement
1998-99	-	26.24% of total requirement
1999-2000	-	7.93% of total requirement

Details of orders placed with government and private printing presses, during each of the last three years, press-wise and item-wise are enclosed at Annexure .

(d) to (f): In view of above does not arise.