

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4517

ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000

POST OFFICES IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of new post offices have been sanctioned in both the urban and rural areas of Gujarat during the 1999-2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) whether any time bound programme has been fixed for opening of new post offices in the State;
- (d) whether the Government have received representations for opening of post offices, sub post offices in some villages in Gujarat;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the reaction of the Government thereto; (g) the places in Balsad district of Gujarat which fulfil the prescribed criteria for opening of post offices; (h) the places where post offices have not yet been opened in the district so far; (i) the time by which the said post offices are likely to be opened in such places; and (j) the number of post offices proposed to be opened in the State during 2000-2001, location-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) 28 Branch Post Offices in rural areas and 2 Sub post Offices in Urban areas have been sanctioned and opened during the year 1999-2000 in Gujarat.
- (b) District-wise details of the post offices opened during 1999-2000 are given in Annexure `A`.
- (c) New Post Offices are opened as a part of Annual Plan. The target fixed for each year is required to be achieved in the same year.
- (d) Total 62 representations for opening of new post offices have been received.
- (e) 51 representations were received for opening of Branch Post Offices and 11 representations were for opening of Sub Post Offices.
- (f) The examination of 39 proposals is complete and they were not found justified on existing departmental norms for opening of new post offices. The remaining proposals are under active consideration.
- (g) There is no place in Balsad district which fulfills the existing departmental norms for opening of new post offices.
- (h) &
- (i) No reply called for in view of (g) above
- (j) The targets for opening of new post offices are yet to be fixed for the year 2000- 2001. The opening of new Post Offices is subject to availability of funds and sanctioning of required posts by Ministry of Finance.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (b) OEOK SABHA UNSATRRED QUESTION NO.4517 FOR 24.4.2000 REGARDI
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Annexure `A`

DISRICT-WISE DETAILS OF POST OFFICES OPENED DRING THE YEAR 1999-2000

Sl No. Name of the district No. of Post Offices opened

BRANCH POST OFFICES

1.	Banaskantha	5
2.	Sabarkantha	4
3.	Kheda	1
4.	Vadodara	4
5.	Valsad	2
6.	Navsari	1
7.	Bharuch	1
8.	Narmada	1
9.	Surat	1
10.	Dahod	4
11.	Panchmahals	2
12.	Porbandar	1
13.	Rajkot	1
	Total	28

SUB POST OFFICES

1.	Mahesana	1
2.	Kheda	1
	Total	2