

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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POST OFFICE IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of post offices opened in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the total number of post offices opened in Orissa during the last two years and till date;
- (c) the number of proposals pending for opening of new post offices in Orissa and the time by which these post office are likely to be opened;
- (d) the number of post offices upgraded in the State during the above financial years; and
- (e) the number of post offices proposed to be upgraded during the coming three years?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

- (a) 1498 post offices have been opened in the country during the last three years.
- (b) 28 post offices have been opened in Orissa during the last two years and 14 post offices have been opened till date during the current year.
- (c) Three proposals are pending for opening of new post offices in Orissa and the post offices are likely to be opened by 31-3-2002.
- (d) The number of post offices upgraded in the State during the above financial years are as under:-

1999-2000	=	01
2000-2001	=	01
2001-2002	=	02
- (e) The upgradation of post offices during the next three years would depend upon the fulfillment of prescribed norms and availability of requisite resources.