

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a seminar on `India Post 2010` was held recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including details of organizers participants in the seminar; and
- (c) the suggestions made by the participants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The basic objective of the conference was to provide a platform to policy makers from the government and as well as practitioners and independent experts to discuss the potential uses of the postal network. The Conference was jointly organized by the Department of Posts, The World Bank and Invest India Economic foundation. The participants in the seminar included Central and State Government officials as well as representatives of foreign postal administrations, the World Bank, academic institutions, the private sector and the media.

(c) The participants deliberated upon and suggested many new roles which the vast and credible infrastructure of Post Offices can perform in the Indian economy including: Payments system functions, e-governance functions, front end for the financial sector, information dissemination in rural and semi-urban areas and front end for e-commerce.