

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

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DIVERSIFICATIONS OF POSTAL PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Posts proposes to diversify its activities; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department is aiming to utilize its countrywide network of post offices for retailing new products and services through postal counters and delivery system. New initiatives introduced so far in this respect are :

- 1) International Money Transfer Service enabling transmission of Money orders from abroad to India.
- 2) Distribution of Mutual fund schemes for different companies.
- 3) Domestic Electronic Fund Transfer for business/commercial sector.
- 4) Payment of warrants and dividends through post offices.
- 5) E-Post, providing internet access to postal customers.
- 6) Greetings Post.
- 7) Pension Payment for Employees Provident Fund Organization.
- 8) Speed Post Passport Service.
- 9) Data Post to help business/ commercial organizations with relevant market information.