

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

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REDUCTION TRANSIT CHARGES OF MONEY ORDERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether very high charges are being levied for accepting money orders;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have instructed the postal authorities to reduce transit charges of money orders;
- (c) the steps taken to use the latest communication devices like E-Mail to deliver money orders instantly and at cheaper prices; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. The Department is charging Rs. 1/- as money order commission for the transmission of every sum of Rs. 20/- or part thereof.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) & (d): A major thrust to expedite transmission of money orders has been given by induction of satellite technology. 150 high speed Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) stations linking 850 post offices in the country have been installed.