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INTRODUCTION OF E-POST SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide `E` mail service in head post offices. Reduce the price of post card to 25 paise by printing advertisements on one side, opening of post office in each and every panchayat and deposit of electricity/water bills in post offices by the years end; and

(b) if so, by when the above proposals are likely to be implemented ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. S. MAHAJAN)

(a) it is proposed to provide e-post service to most the District Headquarters in the country subject to availability of internet, computers in the post offices selected and other related infrastructure.

Meghdoot Postcard providing for advertisement for half portion of the address side, priced at 25 paise has been introduced from 2.9.2002.

As regards depositing electricity and water bills in post offices, the Department has issued fixing the rates for collection of bills in post offices. The service provider can approach the Department for availing the facility.

Opening of post offices in each and every Panchayat by the year-end is under consideration.

(b) There is no fixed time target for introduction of the services as it would depend on various procedures to be finalised and infrastructure availability. E-Bill post extension depends on willingness of services providers like Electricity Boards etc. To avail the service. Meghdoot Post Card I already introduced.