

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:470
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DECLINE IN POSTAL TRAFFIC
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the inward traffic of money orders and other articles into the country through postal department during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the traffic is gradually on the decline;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for such decline in the postal traffic into the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

- (a) The inward postal traffic for the last five years is given in the Annexure.
- (b) No, Sir. The traffic is fluctuating in all categories except EMS (International Speed Post) where there is consistent increase.
- (c)&(d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

ANNEXURE

STATUS OF INWARD POSTAL TRAFFIC DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Money Orders:

Year	No. of Money Orders	Amount (Rupees in Crores)
1998	42918	18.86
1999	45922	19.61
2000	46265	18.89
2001	44556	20.45
2002	42169	22.57

Traffic Figures of other articles:

Year	No. of EMS (International Speed Post) articles in thousands	Weight in thousand Kgs.	of letters
1998	314	3656	
1999	345	3974	
2000	346	3698	
2001	350	3179	
2002	358	3521	

Parcels:

Financial year	No. of parcels in thousands
1998-1999	210
1999-2000	231
2000-2001	242
2001-2002	236
2002-2003	362