

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AUTOMATIC SORTING MACHINES IN POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of changes have been made in the working of the post offices in the country;
- (b) if so, whether long delays in the Indian postal system will be made easy by automatic sorting machine;
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make the working of the Indian post offices more economical and efficient;
- (d) whether Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research, a Central Government agency, is financing a three-years project with a French Institute; and
- (e) if so, the extent to which these steps are likely to improve the functioning of the post offices?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The computer based Multipurpose Counter Machines have been introduced in large post offices and introduction of these machines has made postal transactions more efficient and economical. With a view to optimising utilization of postal network, a series of value added financial services and products have been introduced by the department including Speed Post, International Money Transfer Service, Sale of Mutual Funds and Bonds, Electronic Fund Transfer Service and Cash Management Service.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.