

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2335
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SORTING CENTRE IN WAYANAD
A.P. ABDULLAKUTTY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open sorting centre at Wayanad district in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be opened; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Wayanad is not connected by rail and transportation of mail is done by bus. At present mails meant for Wayanad are processed at Calicut RMS and sent to the post offices in Wayanad for delivery. Kalpetta, the headquarters of Wayanad is situated about 75 kms. away from Calicut. If a sorting office is opened at Wayanad it would lead to delay in delivery of mails meant for Wayanad owing to double trans-shipment of mails from Calicut RMS to the proposed Wayanad Sorting Centre and from there to the post offices. Besides, huge expenditure will have to be incurred on introduction of exclusive mail motor service for transportation of mail from Calicut to Wayanad without any commensurating benefit.