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TARGETS FOR OPENING OF POST OFFICES

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any target had been fixed to open new post offices and branch post offices in West Bengal and Gujarat during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details of the targets achieved in this regard, district-wise;
- (c) whether all the targets have been achieved;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)to(e) In 2003-04 West Bengal was given target for opening of 6 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices, which was fully achieved.

Gujarat was given a target for opening of 10 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and one Departmental Sub Post Office in the same year, out of which 9 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and one Departmental Sub Post Office were opened. One Extra Departmental Branch Post Office could not be opened as no proposal for opening of Extra Departmental Branch Post Office in Tribal area was found justified as per the Departmental norms for opening Post Offices.

In 2004-05 no targets were given under Plan for any circle. However, where proposals were found to be justified, post offices were opened by relocation of post offices which are located at a lesser distance than the prescribed norm. Accordingly, two Departmental Sub Post Offices in West Bengal and 03 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices and 05 Departmental Sub Post Offices in Gujarat have been opened during the year. This approach is in consonance with the policy directives in the 10th Plan.

The district-wise details of post Offices opened in West Bengal and Gujarat during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given in Annexure I and II

Annexure-I

DISTRICT - WISE DETAILS OF POST OFFICES OPENED IN WEST BENGAL DURING THE YEAR 2003-04 AND 2004-05

SL. NO.	NAME OF DISTRICT	TYPE OF POST OFFICES OPENED	NUMBER OF POST OFFICE OPENED
2003-04			
1	North 24 Parganas	EDBO	01
2	South 24 Parganas	EDBO	01
3	Murshidabad	EDBO	01
4	Midnapur	EDBO	01
5	Bankura	EDBO	01
6	Darjeeling	EDBO	01
2004-05			
1	Kolkata	DSO	02

EDBO- Extra Departmental Branch Post Office DSO- Departmental Sub Post Office

ANNEXURE-II

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF POST OFFICES OPENED IN GUJARAT DURING THE YEAR 2003-04 AND 2004-05

SL. NO.	NAME OF DISTRICT	TYPE OF POST OFFICES OPENED	NUMBER OF POST OFFICES OPENED
2003-2004			
1	Panchmahal	EDBO	02
2	Navsari	EDBO	01
3	Valsad	EDBO	02
4	Vadodara (East)	EDBO	01
5	Narmada	EDBO	01
6	Surat	EDBO	01
7	Banaskantha	EDBO	01
8	Valsad	Upgradation of EDBO into DSO	01

2004-05

1	Surat	DSO	02
2	Panchmahal	EDBO	01
3	Kutch	DSO	01
4	Kutch	EDBO	02
5	Bhavnagar	DSO	01
6	Amreli	DSO	01

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