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OPENING OF POST OFFICES

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

- (a) the total number of post offices opened in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra during the last two years and till date, district-wise;
- (b) the total number of post offices opened in the country during the last three years;
- (c) the number of proposals lying pending for opening of new post offices in the States and the time by which these post offices are likely to be opened; and
- (d) the number of post offices in the States upgraded during the last three financial years alongwith the names of those likely to be upgraded during the next three years?

Answer

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

- (a) District wise details of post offices opened in U.P., Bihar and Maharashtra in the last 2 years is given in Annexure-I.
- (b) 941 post offices were opened in the country during the last three years.
- (c) There are 182 proposals under examination for opening, subject to fulfilment of the three norms and availability of resources. (Norms are given in Annexure-II).
- (d) 130 post offices were upgraded in these States during the last three financial years. Upgradation of post offices is subject to fulfilment of norms relating to income and workload. Hence, it would be difficult at this juncture to estimate the number of post offices that can be upgraded in the next three years.

Annexure I

DISTRICT WISE DETAILS OF POST OFFICES OPENED IN U.P, BIHAR AND MAHARASHTRA IN THE LAST 2 YEARS

UTTAR PRADESH

Sl. No	District	2002-2003	2003-2004
1	Etawah	1	-
2	Jhansi	1	-
3	Etah	-	1
4	Aligarh	-	1
5	Agra	-	1
6	Ghazipur	1	-
7	Jaunpur	1	-
8	Allahabad	-	2
9	Chandauli	-	1
10	Varanasi	1	-
11	Saharanpur	1	-
12	Pilibhit	1	-
13	Kheri	1	1
14	Hardoi	1	-
15	Bareilly	-	1
16	Shahjahanpur	-	1
17	Basti	1	2
18	Gorakhpur	2	1
19	Bahraich	1	-

20	Mau	1	-
21	Kushinagar	-	1
22	Ballia	-	2
23	Kanpur (M)	2	1
24	Chitrakoot	-	1
25	Fatehgarh	-	1
26	Ambedkarnagar	1	-
27	Sitapur	1	-
28	Barabanki	-	1
29	Sultanpur	-	1

Total 18 20

BIHAR

Sl. No	District	2002-2003	2003-2004
1.	Khagaria	1	1
2	Dharbanga	1	1
3	Sitamarhi	2	-
4	Muzaffarpur	2	1
5	Saran	3	-
6	Rohtas	1	1
7	Nalanda	1	1
8	Lakhisarai	1	1
9	Banka	1	1
10	Jamui	2	2
11	Patna	-	1
12	Kaimur	-	2
13	Sheikhpura	-	2
14	Munger	-	1
15	Siwan	-	1
Total	15	16	

MAHARASHTRA

Sl. No	District	2002-2003	2003-2004
1	Aurangabad	1	1
2	Beed	2	0
3	Dhule	0	2
4	Nandurbar	1	0
5	Nasik	2	1
6	Nanded	1	1
7	Jalgaon	2	1
8	Osmanabad	1	1
9	Ratnagiri	2	1
10	Kolhapur	2	1
11	Sangli	1	0
12	Thane	3	3
13	Raigad	2	1
14	Mumbai	1	0
15	Satara	1	2
16	Solapur	1	1
17	Ahmednagar	2	3
18	Pune	3	2
19	Akola	1	0
20	Amravati	2	1
21	Buldana	1	2
22	Gondia	0	1
23	Gadchiroli	1	1
24	Nagpur	3	0
25	Yeotmal	0	1

Total 36 27

Annexure II

NORMS FOR OPENING POST OFFICES

1. Norms for opening Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices:

1.1 Population :

(a) In Normal Areas:

3000 population in a group of villages (including the PPO village)

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

1.2 Distance

(a) In Normal Areas:

The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in Hilly Areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

1.3 Anticipated Income:

(a) In Normal Areas:

The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33 1/3% of the cost.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

2. Criteria for upgrading/opening Departmental Sub Post Offices:

(a) In Rural Areas:

The minimum work load of the Extra Departmental Branch Post Office, Proposed to be upgraded, should be five hours per day.

The permissible limit of annual loss is Rs. 2400/- in Normal Rural areas and Rs. 4800/- in Tribal and Hilly areas.

(b) In Urban Areas:

In Urban areas, the post office should initially be self-supporting, and, at the time of the first annual review, it should show a 5% profit to be eligible for further retention.

The minimum distance between two post offices should be 1.5 Kms. In cities with a population for 20 lakhs and above, and 2 Kms. In other Urban Areas. No two delivery offices, however, should be closer than 5 Kms. For each other.

Heads of Circles have powers to relax the distance condition in 10% of the cases.

A Delivery Post Office in urban Area should have a minimum of 7 Postmen's beats.