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POSTS AND TELEGRAM FACILITIES IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of such Gram-panchayats where postal and telegram facilities is not available;
- (b) the number of Panchayat communication service and telegraph offices set up in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, district-wise; and
- (c) the details of the time-bound programme prepared in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Postal facilities for delivery, collection of mails and sale of stamps and postal stationery are available to all Gram Panchayats in the country. However, there are still 6278 number of Gram Panchayats, which do not have post offices.

There are 1269 Gram-Panchayats where telegram facilities are not available.

(b) No Panchayat communication service and telegraph offices have been set up in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years.

(c) Post offices are opened in Gram Panchayat villages subject to fulfillment of population, distance and financial norms laid down by the Department and subject to availability of resources. Opening of post offices is an on going activity.

As regards telegram facilities, the public in villages is preferring telephone services, and there is no demand for telegraph offices.