

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:408
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POST OFFICE SAVING BANKS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Post Office Saving Banks (POSBs) functioning in rural and urban areas in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the share of POSBs in overall rural savings;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to introduce new measures to encourage rural savings through these POSBs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 408 FOR 21ST DECEMBER, 2005 REGARDING POST OFFICE SAVING BANKS.

(a) 16,444 and 1,38,749 Post Offices functioning in urban and rural areas respectively have Post Office Saving Bank (POSBs). A circle wise details of POSBs functioning in rural and urban areas is placed at Annexure.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ANNEXURE

CIRCLE-WISE DETAILS OF NUMBER OF POST OFFICE SAVING BANKS (AS ON 31.03.2004)

Circles	No. of POs	No. of POs doing	
		doing POSB work in rural areas	POSB work in urban areas
Andhra Pradesh	14845	1352	
Assam	3709	299	
Bihar	8630	425	
Chhattisgarh	5397	433	
Delhi	81	499	
Gujarat	8260	739	
Haryana	2330	319	
Himachal Pradesh	2655		125
Jammu & Kashmir	1485		192
Jharkhand	2775	267	
Kerala	4200	872	
Karnataka	8583	1326	
Madhya Pradesh	4998	671	
Maharashtra	11485	1482	
North East	2733	212	
Orissa	7572	603	
Punjab	3442	515	
Rajasthan	9659	794	
Tamil Nadu	10200	1985	
Uttar Pradesh	15300	1972	
Uttaranchal	2485	224	
West Bengal	7925	1138	
Total	1,38,749	16,444	

Total number of Rural and Urban Post Offices doing Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) work in the country is 1,55,193.