

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

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MODERNISATION OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to modernise the working of the Post Offices in the country;
- (b) whether adequate training facilities are proposed to be introduced for the postal staff for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts in the 10th Five Year Plan is focusing to modernize the working of the Post Offices through induction of technology and improving ergonomics. An outlay of Rs. 1062 crores out of a total plan outlay of Rs. 1350 crores allotted to the department has been earmarked for modernization activities in the 10th Five Year Plan.
- (b) The existing training facilities are adequate to meet the requirement. In-house training is offered to officers and staff of the Department through 7 Training Institutions and 60 Work Place Computer Training Centres located in various parts of the country.
- (c) The Department has an approved plan to train 1,50,000 officials in computer skills and various departmental software during the 10th Plan period. Till date 1,09,893 officials have already been trained. This training target is in addition to regular training that is imparted to the staff on various postal operations and management related subjects.