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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 number of new post offices sanctioned and set up in the rural/urban areas of the country during the year 2005-2006, State-wise; and

(b) the places identified where the post offices are likely to be opened in the next few years, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No new post offices have been sanctioned or set up in the rural and urban areas of the country during the year 2005-06. In consonance with the policy directives of the 10th Plan for attaining financial self-sufficiency and consequently for rationalization of the postal network, targets for opening of new Post Offices are not being assigned since 2004-05. Therefore, if justification for opening of a Post Office is found, it can only be opened by relocation of an existing post office, which is no longer justified on the Departmental norms in its present location.

Given the non-availability of Plan targets for expansion of postal network, whenever a proposal for setting up of a post office is received and found justified, it is considered for opening by the process of relocation.