

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

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

- (a) the number of post offices/sub-post offices opened during the last three years,State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to open new post offices in the country during 2008-09;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the courier services have affected the income of post offices in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to reconcile the losses, if any, as a result of the courier services?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) During the last 3 years, 2 new Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices (EDBOs) and 14 Departmental Sub Post Offices (DSOs) were opened in different Circles. State/Circle wise details are given in the Annexure.
- (b) & (c) It is proposed to open 500 new Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices (EDBOs) and 375 new Departmental Sub Post Offices (DSOs) during the year 2008-09. State-wise details for opening of the above Post Offices have not been firmed up as yet.
- (d) to (f) In order to meet the market challenges from competition, the Department has introduced a number of business products like Speed Post, Express Parcel Post, Logistics Post, Business Post etc. The revenue from Speed Post etc. is consistently increasing in the past five years.