

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

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

- (a) the number of post offices in the country at present and the number of staff working in the post offices, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to close some of these post offices;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor, State-wise;
- (d) the number of post offices in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab alongwith the number of staff working in those post offices;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to make fresh recruitments to fill up the vacancies;
- (f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be filled; and
- (g) if not, the arrangements being made by the Government to run these post offices smoothly?

Answer

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

- (a) The number of post offices in the country and the number of staff working in the post offices, State-wise is given in the Annexure.
- (b) No, Sir. However, as part of strategy to become financially self-sufficient, to provide post office facilities in needy areas and to improve existing facilities, single handed or double handed post offices located in close proximity to another in urban areas and Branch Post Offices in rural areas are re-located to such needy areas, wherever necessary. The option of merger with nearby post offices is also available in the case of single/double handed post offices in the urban areas.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) There are 426 Post Offices in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab and the number of staff working in those post offices is 1092, including 785 Gramin Dak Sevaks.
- (e) & (f): Yes, Sir. Action to fill up 2743 posts for the year 2003 and 2038 posts for the year 2004 falling under direct recruitment quota and cleared by the Screening Committee recently, has already been initiated.
- (g) Does not arise in view of (e) & (f) above.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF POST OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE COUNTRY

State No. of Post Offices No. of employees
Departmental Gramin Dak Total
Sevaks

Andhra Pradesh	16197	12630	28505	41135
Assam	4008	3722	8877	12599
Bihar	9055	7317	15729	23046
Chhattisgarh	5830	3541	10380	13921
Delhi	580	8309	458	8767
Gujarat	9024	12323	16984	29307
Haryana	2649	3492	4279	7771
Himachal Pradesh	2780	2266	6654	8920
Jammu & Kashmir	1687	1916	2908	4824
Jharkhand	3049	3080	6427	9507
Karnataka	9909	11135	16568	27703
Kerala	5079	9871	11921	21792
Madhya Pradesh	5665	5100	10690	15790
Maharashtra	12721	24227	22813	47040

Goa	259	(including	(including	
Goa) Goa)				
North East				
Manipur	698	2023	7210	9233
Arunachal Pradesh	306	(in respect of all the six States)	(in respect of all the six States)	
Meghalaya	404			
Mizoram	328			
Nagaland	716			
Tripura				
Orissa	8175	5854	17767	23621
Punjab	3957	5898	6281	12179
Rajasthan	10453	7861	15629	23490
Tamil Nadu	12101	20132	24601	44733
Pondicherry	95	(including	(including	
Pondicherry) Pondicherry)				
Uttar Pradesh	17666	18706	35233	53939
Uttaranchal	2722	2495	6639	9134
West Bengal	8853	17174	22018	39192
Sikkim	210	(including		
Sikkim)				
Grand Total:	155669	189072	298571	487643