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POST OFFICES IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of post offices functioning in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh/Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of villages in which this facility has not been provided so far; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The number of post offices functioning in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra are 14845 and 11294 respectively.
- (b) The number of villages in which post office facility has not been provided so far in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra are 11571 and 24943 respectively.
- (c) The opening of post offices is an ongoing process. Post Offices are opened subject to fulfilment of population, distance and income norms and availability of resources. However, postal facilities for delivery of mails, collection of mails and sale of stamps and postal stationery are available to all the villages.