

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:253  
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2010  
OPENING OF BRANCH POST OFFICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are different norms for opening of post offices in rural and urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of villages where sub-post offices have been opened during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period, State-wise;
- (c) whether three thousand new branch post offices and two thousand sub-post offices could not be set up in the country for want of financial sanction during the current Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A. RAJA.)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 253 FOR 15TH MARCH, 2010 REGARDING OPENING OF BRANCH POST OFFICES.

(a) Yes, Madam. There are different norms for opening of post offices in rural and urban areas.

(b) Norms for opening of Post Offices in rural and urban areas are given in Annexure I. Number of sub-post offices opened during Eleventh Five Year Plan period (upto February, 2010) Circle-wise is given in Annexure II.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Department of Posts had initially proposed for opening 3000 new branch post offices by creation of new posts of Gramin Dak Sevaks, 2000 new sub post offices by redeployment, 500 sub-post offices by relocation and 500 branch post offices by relocation during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. After examination of the matter, the said proposal was revised and the number of sub-post offices and branch post offices to be opened in different parts of the country was reduced.

(e) Department of Posts is opening new post offices in different parts of the country as per revised targets for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.