GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2905 ANSWERED ON:15.03.2010 MODERNISATION OF POST OFFICES Angadi Shri Suresh Chanabasappa;Jaiswal Shri Gorakh Prasad ;Laguri Shri Yashbant Narayan Singh;Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausaheb;Sudhakaran Shri K.

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in urban and rural areas which are equipped with e-mail, Internet and computer facilities, State-wise including Karnataka;

(b) whether the Government has prepared any time bound programme to provide computer facility in the remaining post offices;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) Out of 12604 post offices computerised till 31.12.2009, 7455 post offices are in urban areas and 5149 post offices are in rural areas. 1305 post offices have been provided with wide areas network and 8177 post offices have been provided with dial up/ broadband facilities for accessing services through internet. Department does not provide email facilities. The State- wise break up of computerised post offices are given in the Annexure.

(b) to (d) Computerisation of post offices is an ongoing programme based on technical feasibility and availability of fund.