

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VILLAGES UNDER PSSY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages covered under the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana (PSSY) in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of additional villages likely to be covered, State-wise;
- (c) whether this scheme has been successful in rural areas; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make it successful?

Answer

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

- (a) The number of villages covered under the Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana in the country is 4542 (as on 31.3.2010). State and Union Territory-wise list containing number of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras during the last three years is given in the Annexure.
- (b) There is no proposal for opening new Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Yojana (PSSY) Kendras during the Eleventh Five Year Plan Period.
- (c) The scheme has been successful to the extent of providing basic postal facilities in villages where post offices do not exist.
- (d) To make the scheme more successful and effective, continuous monitoring is done during inspections and field visits by the officers of Department of Posts.