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LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE STATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the offices of Railway Mail Service (RMS) at various stations including Siwan railway station has been closed permanently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any assessment of the impact of closure has been made;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. As part of the effort of the Department to consolidate the mail network, some mail sorting offices with minimal workload have been closed/merged with the nearest mail office. Siwan Railway Mail Service (RMS), one such office, has also been merged with Chapra RMS on 5.11.2009.
- (b) The details of RMS Offices closed/merged in various Postal Circles are given in the Annexure.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Madam. These efforts have helped the Department in consolidation of the mail network, rationalization of sorting work, reduction in number of bags closed and reducing the establishment cost without any adverse impact on the quality of mail sorting, transmission and delivery of mail.
- (e) Functioning of the RMS offices is an internal operational issue of the Department.