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POST OFFICES IN RENTED BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of post offices in the country including Mumbai;
- (b) whether some landlords have requested postal authorities to vacate their premises;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to vacate rented accommodation and to build their own accommodation including Rane Day Road post office in the country?

Answer

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

- (a): The total Nos. of Post Offices in the country including Mumbai are 1,55,015 as on 31-03-2009.
- (b): Yes, Madam. Some landlords have requested postal authorities to vacate their premises.
- (c): The information is being collected.
- (d): Departmental buildings are constructed to house larger Post Offices functioning in rented buildings. An outlay of Rs, 107.81 crores under the Plan Scheme `Estates Management for construction of buildings for Post Offices, Administrative Offices , Staff quarters and Purchase of Land during the Eleventh Plan has been approved. On receipt of a request from the owner in the year 2005 to vacate Rane Day Post Office building, efforts were made by the Department to search alternative accommodation by floating of one tender each in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 but there was no response. There is no proposal to build departmental accommodation for Rane Day Post Office.