

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

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VACANT POST OF GRAMIN DAK SEVAKS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of vacant posts of Gramin Dak Sevaks, Branch Postmasters, Postman and Mail carriers in Post Offices of the country, State-wise;
- (b) the time by which the said vacancies are likely to be filled up,
- (c) whether the work is getting affected due to posts of Gramin Dak Sevaks lying vacant;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to reduce the required period in postman cadre for appearing in examination for Postal Assistant from three years to one year thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a): As on 01-03-2010, 32793 posts of Gramin Dak Sevaks (Branch Postmasters, Postman and Mail Carriers) are lying vacant in the country. The State-wise details are given in the Annexure.
- (b): The Department has issued guidelines for filling up of the vacant posts of Gramin Dak Sevaks subject to fulfillment of functional justification & financial viability. The Heads of Circles have been given powers for according approval to fill up vacant posts, if they are required for operational reasons, even if condition of financial viability is not fulfilled.
- (c): No, Madam. The work is being managed either by recombination of duties or by making substitute arrangements.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): Model Recruitment Rules framed by Nodal Ministry are followed in such cases. Further, Postman have to complete a probation period of two years after appointment and before successful completion of the probation period, they cannot be permitted to appear for examination conducted for filling up promotional vacancies of Postal Assistant.