

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF POST OFFICES

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up new post offices including rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) whether the inept dealing by the Government is leading to decline in postal services in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the postal services in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. There is a proposal for opening of 200 branch post offices (mainly in rural areas) and 110 sub post offices in the country during the year 2010-11.
- (b) Circle-wise detail of post offices proposed to be opened during the year 2010-11 is given in the Annexure.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
- (e) The steps taken by the government to improve postal services in the country include upgradation of post offices in terms of enhancing the quality of service provided and improving its look and feel under Project Arrow, technology induction in post offices, leveraging of postal network for retailing various products and services and training of postal employees.