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PREMIUM POSTAL SERVICES

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

- (a) whether the premium postal services have become costly at present as compared to the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The tariff of premium postal services is determined keeping in view a number of factors such as cost of operations and market considerations. The Department of Posts has reviewed the tariff of its premium postal services from time to time and has restructured the tariff accordingly so as to make it attractive to the customers and also be competitive in the market. This restructuring has resulted in increase or decrease in the tariff of few of the premium postal services. The details are given in the Annexure. In other premium services like Speed Post, Bill Mail Service, e-Post, Direct Post etc. there has been no change in the tariff in the last three years.