

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the postmen are not getting the normal facilities like pension, gratuity etc. particularly in rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government discriminates between rural and urban postmen;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Postmen in rural and urban areas are getting normal facilities like Pension, Gratuity, etc. However, Gramin Dak Sevak Mail Deliverers are engaged in rural areas from 3 to maximum 5 hours per day on a part time basis where the deployment of departmental postmen is not justified. As Gramin Dak Sevaks are not eligible for Pension under Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972, they are paid severance amount at the rate of Rs. 1500 for every completed year of service subject to a maximum of Rs. 60,000 and ex-gratia gratuity at the rate of half month's. Time Related Continuity Allowance (TRCA) for each completed year of service subject to a maximum of Rs. 60,000.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) For Gramin Dak Sevaks, the Government has approved a Service Discharge Benefit Scheme to provide social security after discharge.