

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2107
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VACANT LAND OF POSTAL DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether substantial part of land under the Department of Posts is lying unutilized;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to sign new agreements with other Ministries/State Governments/local bodies etc. for the use of the vacant land; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

- (a) Yes, the Department of Posts has 1871 plots lying vacant.
- (b) The details thereof; State-wise/UT-wise, is given in the Annexure.
- (c) & (d) The Government has no proposal to sign new agreements with other Ministries/ State Governments/local bodies for the use of the vacant lands. However, in order to generate non-tariff revenue as recommended by the Expenditure Reforms Commission and the Planning Commission, the Department has initiated a move for commercial utilization of these vacant lands under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model. The issue is still at consultation stage.