

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

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GRAM TELLS/RURAL ATMS AT POST OFFICES

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

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to install specially-designed Gram Tells (Rural ATMs) at post office;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its objectives and salient features;
- (c) the funds earmarked for this purpose; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken to strengthen the role of Indian Post in the Government's agenda of financial inclusion?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) Department is considering introducing Rural ICT devices for branch post offices for disbursement of MGNREGA wages and other postal financial services subject to availability of funds.