

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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SETTING UP OF NEW POSTAL CIRCLES AND DIVISIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the places where new Postal Circles and Divisions have been set up during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for the expansion and modernisation of Posts and Telecom Circles in the country ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, during Eleventh five year plan, State-wise;and
- (d) the funds likely to be earmarked for this purpose to each State including Rajasthan during the current year.

Answer

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

- (a) During the last three years, and in the current financial year, no new Postal Circles or Postal Divisions have been set up in the country.
- (b & c)

(1) Department of Posts

Yes, Sir. The Department of Posts launched "Project Arrow" with the objective of providing new look to Post offices by modernizing exterior and interior designs of the Post office, upgrading the infrastructure and enhancing core operations including IT enabled services, and processes.

In the XI Five year plan, Project Arrow has been undertaken in a phased manner. During Annual plan 2008-2009 under phase I 50 Post offices were modernized across the country with a financial outlay of Rs. 12 crores. In the second phase, 450 Posts offices across the country were modernized including Rajasthan with a financial outlay of Rs. 74 crores, During Annual plan 2009-2010 Project Arrow is being extended to another 500 posts offices in the country including Rajasthan. The financial outlay for this project Rs. 65 crores. The details of the no. of Post offices covered under three phases is furnished in Annexure - I.

- (d) The financial outlay for this project during the current year is Rs.65 crores. The State-wise figures are furnished in Annexure - II

(2) Department of Telecommunications :

(i) Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited

(b & c) The year wise target fixed for landline WLL, GSM, laying of optical fibres and Telephone connections in the current five year plan (2007-12) are furnished in Annexure - III

- (d) Details of Financial outlay during 2009-10 for Delhi and Mumbai furnished in Annexure-IV

(ii) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

(b & c) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited projected the growth of Telephone and Broad band customers for XI five year plan and the details are at Annexure-V and VI.

- (d) Funds to the tune of Rs. 14015 crores have been earmarked for expansion and modernization of Telecom circles during the current financial year. The state wise details including the State of Rajasthan are furnished in Annexure-VII.