

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the digits in Postal Index Number (PIN) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the scheme; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no proposal to change the existing Pin code. However, a drive has been undertaken to add two digits to the Pin code. This will indicate the Postman Beat. It is limited to only select Post Offices and select large mailers who post thousands of mail pieces on regular basis. It will assist in faster processing of mail in these post offices. It is being gradually implemented.