

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

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OPENING OF POST OFFICES

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to relax the norms for opening branches of post offices in hilly areas in comparison to plain areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of branch post offices/ sub-post offices and post offices set up in hilly areas during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) In the existing guidelines for opening of new post offices, there is already relaxation in the norms for opening of post offices in hilly areas in comparison to plain areas. There is no proposal for further relaxation in the existing norms.

(c) The number of Post Offices opened (Circle-wise) in hilly areas during the last three years and current year are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Circles	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
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1.	Himachal Pradesh	-	1	-	-
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2.	Karnataka	4	4	2	1
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3.	North East	3	7	12	-
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4.	Uttarakhand	4	2	6	-
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5.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	2	1	4
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