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PROPOSAL FOR NEW POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments to open new Head Post Offices and new Sub-Post Offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee on opening of new post offices?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) State-wise and location-wise details of proposals received from various State Governments to open new Head Post offices and new Sub-Post Offices are as under:-

Post Office State Locations

Sub-Post Office Assam NC Hill District (now Dima Hasao)

Sub-Post Office Assam Karbi Anglong District

Sub-Post Office Delhi Bawana, Delhi North Division

Sub-Post Office Delhi Subhash Palace, Delhi North Division

Sub-Post Office Delhi DDA Flats, Kalkaji, South Delhi Division

Head Post Office Uttrakhand Rudrapur, District Headquarter
of Udham Singh Nagar District

(c) The proposals received from Assam and Uttrakhand Governments were examined by Assam Circle and Uttrakhand Circle respectively but not found justified as per Departmental Norms. Proposals received in Delhi Government are under examination in

Delhi Circle.

(d) Justice Charanjit Talwar Committee was constituted in 1995 to examine the wage structure and other working conditions of Extra Departmental Agents (now called Gramin Dak Sewaks) of the Department of Posts. The Recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee on opening of new Post Offices are as under:-

(i) It would be prudent to reverse the process of expansion and reduce the number of post offices in the ED category in a phased manner in the next five year plan and brought their number to the optimum level.

(ii) No Post Office in the ED category be opened at least for the next ten years.

(iii) There is need to downsize the number of post offices in ED categories.

However, the recommendations of justice Talwar Committee were rejected by the Government in toto including the above mentioned recommendations on opening of new Posts Offices.