

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

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MNREGS PAYMENTS THROUGH POST OFFICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of savings accounts opened in the post offices of the country for payment of wages under MNREGA, State-wise; and  
(b) the financial benefits gained/likely to be gained by India Post in this regard, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) The scheme of payment wages under MGNREGA through post offices is operational in 19 Postal Circles (26 states and 5 UTs) of the country (except Delhi, J & K and Tamilnadu Postal Circles (Tamilnadu and Puducherry).

| Circle           | Zero-balance Accounts | SB Accounts | Total       |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Andhra Pradesh   | 32,94,537             | 98,07,124   | 1,31,01,661 |
| Assam            | 13,01,924             | 5,26,661    | 18,28,585   |
| Bihar            | 18,03,621             | 37,72,607   | 55,76,228   |
| Chattisgarh      | 31,91,844             | 2,86,209    | 34,78,053   |
| Gujrat           | 17,75,570             | 2,52,053    | 20,27,623   |
| Haryana          | 49,222                | 11,929      | 61,151      |
| Himachal Pradesh | 63,844                | 15,072      | 78,916      |
| Jharkhand        | 18,12,829             | 15,04,839   | 33,17,668   |

Karnataka 2,98,607 13,43,189 16,41,796

Kerala 1,89,731 0 1,89,731

Madhya Pradesh 12,78,115 2,46,629 15,24,744

Maharashtra 14,28,426 1,50,243 15,78,669

N.E. 41,7749 1,07,668 5,25,417

Orissa 16,16,262 15,279 16,31,541

Punjab 2,02,261 70,651 2,72,912

Rajasthan 30,13,314 31,50,433 61,63,747

Uttar Pradesh 2,39,802 1,60,732 4,00,534

Uttarakhand 1,34,199 87,611 2,21,810

West Bengal 51,30,858 4,44,879 55,75,737

Total 2,72,42,715 2,19,53,808 4,91,96,523

(b) 2,19,53,808 SB accounts and 2,72,42,715 zero-balance accounts have been opened in Post Offices for payment of wages under MGNREGA. Department gets remuneration for live SB account from Ministry of Finance. The rate applicable for the year 2011-12 is Rs. 142.76 per account per year. However, Ministry of Finance is not giving any remuneration for zero-balance accounts.