

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:150

ANSWERED ON:10.08.2011

OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open new post offices in the country during the Twelfth Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to privatise postal services;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether all post offices in the country are equipped with internet facility;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the time likely to be taken to provide this facility in all the post offices in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.150 FOR 10TH AUGUST, 2011 RAISED BY SHRI GOPAL SINGH SHEKHAWAT AND ADV. A. SAMPATH REGARDING "OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICES"

(a) & (b) Proposal for 12th Plan has not been finalized. However, opening of Post Offices is an ongoing activity. Post Offices are opened subject to fulfillment of prescribed norms, availability of Plan support and manpower.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) & (g) 22360 Departmental Post Offices have been provided computers. 1308 Departmental Post Offices have been provided Wide Area Network (WAN) and 10530 Departmental Post Offices have been provided Broadband facility. All the Departmental Post Offices and Branch Post Offices in the country would be provided with network connectivity by 2012-13 under the "India Post Technology Project-2012".