

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

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GRAMIN DAK SEVAKS

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a Post Retirement Financial Security Service Discharge Benefit Scheme for Gramin Dak Sevaks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the salient features of the said scheme;
- (d) the number of Gramin Dak Sevaks likely to be covered under the said scheme; and
- (e) the annual financial expenditure likely to be incurred by the Government under the said scheme?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A Service Discharge Benefit Scheme has been introduced by the Government, effective from 01.04.2011, for the benefit of Gramin Dak Sevaks working in the Department of Posts on monthly contribution basis (from Department's side only) devised on the basis of New Pension Scheme (NPS)-Lite scheme launched by the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA). This Scheme has been offered in lieu of the existing Severance Amount Scheme on an optional basis for the existing Gramin Dak Sevaks while it is mandatory for the new Gramin Dak Sevaks entering into service with effect from 01.01.2011.

(c) Salient features of the Scheme are given in Annexure.

(d) About 2.73 Lakh Gramin Dak Sevaks are likely to be benefited under this Scheme.

(e) The Scheme involves an estimated expenditure for 2010-11 to the tune of Rs. 100.87 crore and for 2011-12 onwards to the tune of Rs. 99.93 crores per annum.