

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:222

ANSWERED ON:17.08.2011

BASIC POSTAL SERVICES

Bapurao Shri Khatgaonkar Patil Bhaskarrao;Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

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

- (a) the details of the special counters/ franchise postal outlets opened in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, circle-wise;
- (b) whether any assessment has been done by the Government about the performance of these outlets;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up special counters in areas that do not have access to basic services; and
- (e) if so, the time by which these special counters will be set up?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) 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 (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 222 FOR 17TH AUGUST, 2011 RAISED BY SHRI B.B. PATIL AND SHRI ANAND PRAKASH PARANJPE REGARDING "BASIC POSTAL SERVICES"

(a) Circle-wise details of franchise postal outlets opened in the country during each of the last three years are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. The performance of franchise outlet scheme was assessed in 2007-08 and it was found that scheme was meeting its intended objectives.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. The Franchise scheme provides for opening of franchise outlets in such urban areas where there is justification for opening of post office but it is not possible to open it due to some reasons. Opening of Franchise outlets is an ongoing activity.