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MODERNISATION OF DEPARTMENT OF POSTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the "India Post Technology Project-2012";
- (b) whether networking of all post offices in the country is being planned under the Project to ensure IT modernisation of Department of Posts; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) Government has approved the 'IT MODERNIZATION PROJECT' of Department of Posts for computerization of Post Offices, Mail Offices, Administrative Offices and other field Offices. This will involve establishment of required IT infrastructure, development of required software applications with an outlay of Rs 1877.2 Crore.

The project has the following salient features:-

- (i) It will establish IT infrastructure of Data Centre and Disaster Recovery Centre and networking of all Departmental Post offices including appropriate connectivity in the Branch Post Offices in the rural area.
- (ii) The project envisages development of integrated modular scalable applications for Mail, Banking, Postal Life Insurance, solutions for Accounts and HR operations of the department.
- (iii) The rural post offices will be provided with rural ICT devices with required applications for performing Postal, Savings Bank, Insurance, MGNREGS and Money order operations.
- (iv) Provision has been made for training, change management, capacity building of the employees of the department along with Project Management activity for smooth and timely implementation of the project.

(b) Yes Madam. It is planned to network all Departmental Post offices and Branch Post Offices in the country subject to availability of connectivity and resources under the "India Post Technology Project-2012".

(c) The departmental Post Offices are proposed to be networked with appropriate connectivity. Branch Post Offices located in rural areas are proposed to be networked using available connectivity at these locations. The rural ICT Devices in the Branch Post Offices will have the capacity to work in both online/offline mode. The IT Project is expected to be implemented by 2012-2013 subject to the availability of funds.