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POST OFFICES IN PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of post offices opened during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether a number of post offices in rural, hilly and remote areas have become economically unviable due to migration of population to cities and also lack of communication and other facilities;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to improve the viability of rural post offices alongwith the details of facilities proposed to be setup/upgraded in post offices?

Answer

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

- (a) The details on number of post offices opened during the Eleventh Five Year Plan are given in Annexure.
- (b) & (c) No instance has been noticed regarding post offices becoming economically unviable due to migration of population to cities, lack of communication and other facilities in rural, hilly and remote areas.
- (d) Rural post offices have been provided with infrastructure equipments and are being computerized in a phased manner. The Department is also introducing various new schemes through rural post offices i.e. disbursement of MGNREGS, Rural Postal Life Insurance, Social Security Pension payments etc.,