

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

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CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS FOR POSTAL DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of vacant sites available for the use of Department of Posts across the country as on date, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of Post Offices including rural post offices which are functioning in private buildings particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of expenditure incurred for paying rent for these rented buildings during each of the past three years including current year, particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken to construct own buildings for post offices particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of vacant sites available for the use of Department of Posts across the country, as on 31.3.2011 including Tamil Nadu is given as Annexure 'A.'
- (b) The number of Post offices including rural post offices which are functioning in private buildings including Tamil Nadu is 20570, out of which 2319 post offices are in Tamil Nadu.
- (c) The details of expenditure incurred for paying rent for these rented buildings during each of the past three years including current year, particularly in Tamil Nadu is as follows:-

(Rs. in thousands)

S.No	Item	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	From April,2011 to Oct.2011
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1	Expenditure incurred on rent across the country including Tamil Nadu	546075	693948	746566	393380
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2	Expenditure incurred on rent particularly in Tamil Nadu	61660	180463	122873	40952
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- (d) The construction of Departmental Post Office buildings all over India including Tamil Nadu is pursued regularly, within the allotted funds. In the matter of construction, preference is given to the Post Offices (i) having manpower of 15 and above; (ii) located in high rented buildings; and (iii) where special circumstances exist.

Annexure `A`

No. of vacant plots, Circle-wise available in the country;as on 31-03-2011.

S.No Name of Circle Total Number of plots available

1 Andhra Pradesh 218

2 Assam 30

3 Bihar 92

4 Chhattisgarh 5

5 Delhi 18

6 Gujarat 109

7 Haryana 15

8 Himachal Pradesh 23

9 Jammu & Kashmir 8

10 Jharkhand 63

11 Karnataka 332

12 Kerala 143

13 Maharashtra 92

14 Madhya Pradesh 36

15 North East 25

16 Orissa 46

17 Punjab 19

18 Rajasthan 196

19 Tamil Nadu 155

20 Uttarakhand 19

21 Uttar Pradesh 67

22 West Bengal 91

G/Total 1802