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

(a) whether the Department of Posts has proposed the Post Bank scheme in an attempt to use the huge network of post offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far;

(c) whether the panel has sanctioned Rs. 5 crore in the Eleventh Five Year Plan to conduct a study on the setting up Post Bank of India in lines of the ones in New Zealand and Japan;

(d) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(e) whether the Planning Commission of India has agreed to allow the Department of Postal Services to install ATMs in post offices; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the benefit likely to be accrued as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Madam, the Department of Posts has got a study conducted from Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad on possibilities of setting up a Post Bank which came to the conclusion that there is a scope for setting up a Post Bank. Department has sought views from the Ministry of finance on the proposal.

(c) Yes Sir. Planning Commission had sanctioned Rs. 5 Cr. for conducting study on setting up of Post Bank during 11th Plan.

(d) During 11th Plan period, the Department has spent about Rs. 40 Lakh till date for conducting study on possibilities of setting up a Post Bank. Department has sought views from the Ministry of Finance on the proposal.

(e) Planning Commission has allowed to install ATMs in Post Offices in the I.T. project of the Department.

(f) The Department has decided to install 1000 ATMs in the major post offices across the country. These ATMs will allow facility of 24X7 withdrawal for the customers.