

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

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GPO'S AT DISTRICT LEVEL  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government to set up a General Post Office (GPO);
- (b) the number of district headquarters in the country including Chhattisgarh where GPOs have not been set up despite fulfilling the standards set by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to set up GPOs in all such districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be materialised; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The Head Post Office situated at the headquarters of the Head of the Circle (i.e. Chief Postmaster General) is designated as General Post Office (GPO).
- (b) There are 24 GPOs functioning in the country. In Chhattisgarh, there is a proposal to upgrade the Raipur HPO. Setting up of GPOs does not have any co-relation with District Headquarters.
- (c)to(e) Does not arise in view of replies (a) and (b).