

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NORMS FOR OPENING OF POST OFFICES

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

- (a) the norms fixed for opening of new Branches of Post Offices in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to relax the norms for opening of Post Offices in the rural, backward, tribal, hilly and bordering areas in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of Post Offices opened in the country during the calendar year 2010 and 2011, State-wise and area-wise;
- (d) whether any target was fixed for Eleventh Five Year Plan for opening of Post Offices in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The norms fixed for opening of new Branch Post Offices and opening of Departmental Sub-Post Offices are at Annexure-I.
- (b) In the existing norms for opening of new Post Offices, there is already relaxation for opening of Post Offices in hilly, tribal, desert and inaccessible areas.
- (c) The Circle-wise number of Branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices opened during financial years 2009-10, 2010-11 is at Annexure-II.
- (d)&(e) 1,000 Post Offices were proposed to be opened during 11th Plan in the country. Post Offices are opened subject to fulfillment of prescribed norms, availability of Plan support and manpower. 473 Post Offices have been opened upto 31.10.2011.