

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:399

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MODERNISATION OF POST OFFICES

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from various State Governments for opening of New Post and Telegraph Offices/Sub-Post Offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to modernize/computerize the rural post offices in the country with modern technology;
- (d) if so, the number of post offices modernized/computerized in the rural areas, State-wise and the time by which the rest of the post offices are likely to be computerized;
- (e) whether the Government has constituted an expert committee for strengthening postal network and upgradation of the post offices with modern technology; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on its report?

Answer

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

- (a) A proposal for opening of Post Offices has been received from Chhattisgarh Government during the current financial year. No proposal has been received from the State Governments for opening of new Telegraph offices.
- (b): Department of Posts has included it in its 12th Plan Proposal and has presented it to the Planning Commission.
- (c): Government has approved the IT Modernization Project of Department of Posts covering all Post Offices of the country including Branch Post Offices in rural areas.
- (d): State-wise details of computerised Post Offices is annexed. Department has planned to computerise remaining Post Offices by 2014.
- (e): No, Madam.
- (f): Does not arise in view of (e) above.