

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

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POST OFFICES IN VILLAGES

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

- (a) the number of post offices functioning in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the number of villages provided with the post offices, State-wise and circle-wise;
- (c) whether a number of villages are yet to be provided with post offices/sub-post offices particularly in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof. State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government plans to provide the post office facilities to these uncovered villages; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which all the villages in the country are likely to be provided with post office facility?

**Answer**

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

(a) State-wise number of Post Offices functioning in the country as on 31.3.2011 is given in Annexure-I.

(b) State-wise and Circle-wise number of villages with Post Offices is given in Annexure-II.

(c)&(d) Yes, Madam. Number of villages without Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal as on 31.3.2013 are as follows:

Sl.No. Name of Circles Number of Villages without Post Offices

1 Madhya Pradesh 44975

2 Bihar 30681

3 West Bengal 30271

3.1 Andaman & Nicobar Islands 414

3.2 Sikkim 266

Total 106607

(e)&(f) Opening of Post Offices is an on-going activity. Post Offices are opened subject to fulfillment of prescribed norms, availability of plan support and manpower. However, postal services are available in all villages of the country as the Department provides regular clearance of letter boxes and delivery of mail. Department also provides for sale of stamps and stationary through postmen/delivery agents in addition to sale through postal outlets.