

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:294
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2012
POSTAL SAVINGS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of functional post offices in which postal savings facilities are available separately in the rural and urban areas, State-wise;
- (b) the share of the rural post-offices savings bank in the rural savings;
- (c) the manner in which the Government is promoting postal savings in the rural areas;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce any other scheme under the rural postal life insurance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 294 FOR 25TH APRIL, 2012 REGARDING "POSTAL SAVINGS"

(a) Postal Circle-wise number of post offices in urban and rural areas in which small savings facilities are available is given in Annexure-A.

(b) The Department does not maintain separate information on the share of Post Office Savings Bank amount in rural savings.

(c) The Government is taking various measures from time to time to promote and popularize savings in rural areas by holding seminars, melas, meetings etc. and distributing pamphlets. Rural population especially workers registered under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Guarantee Scheme and families of Below Poverty Line are also encouraged to promote savings by Gramin Dak Sewaks/Postmen through personal contact.

(d) No Madam.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.