

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

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OPENING OF HEAD POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms and criteria for opening of Head/General Post Office in the country and the number of Post Offices/Sub-Post Offices required to be under a General/Head Post Office;
- (b) whether no Head Post Offices have been set up despite fulfilling the conditions for the same in various districts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Chhattisgarh and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the action taken by the Government to open General/Head Post Office in the country as per the conditions fulfilled; and
- (e) the Head/General Post Office proposed to be opened by the Government in the country, State-wise including Chhattisgarh?

Answer

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

- (a) The Department has stipulated norms and criteria for upgradation of any Sub Post Office provided a minimum of twenty Sub Post Offices can be attached to it. For bifurcating existing Head Post Office, the number of Sub Post Offices under it should exceed sixty. The principal Head Post Office in a Postal Circle headquarters is called the General Post Office.
- (b) to (d) The postal setup is in accordance with the Postal Divisions, with each Postal Division having at least one Head Post Office. The Sub Post Offices in revenue districts that do not have a Head Post Office, are planned in a phased manner to be upgraded to Head Post Office/MukhyaDakGhar provided they fulfill the criteria/norms, justifications and availability of resources.
- (e) No Madam, there is no proposal to open any Head Post Office in the country. However, there are a few proposals including that of Janjgir-Champa in Chhattisgarh Circle that we are in receipt of for upgradation of Sub Post Offices to Head Post Offices. The same will be upgraded if they are justified, fulfill the norms and resources are available.