

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

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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 Government plans to set up Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and carry out computerisation of post offices in the country as part of its ongoing modernisation and upgradation drive;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of ATMs proposed to be set up, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria adopted for selection of States for setting up of ATMs;
- (d) the details of post offices identified for the purpose, State-wise and the amount spent initially on these projects; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to improve the postal services and boost the revenue of post offices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) Department proposes to set up 1000 ATMs. 820 Head Post Offices have been identified for setting up ATMs. The remaining 180 Post Offices will be identified during implementation phase. Department has computerized 24,969 Departmental Post Offices. The state wise details are given in Annexure.

(c) 820 Head Post Offices chosen for setting up ATMs covers all states across the country.

(d) The state wise details are given in Annexure. Till date no expenditure has been incurred for setting up ATMs.

(e) Department offers a number of premium services like Speed Post, Express Parcel Post, Logistics Post etc to generate additional revenue for the Department.