

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:362  
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2012  
COMPUTERIZATION OF POST OFFICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether after 19 years of modernization drive in the Indian Post Offices, only 8% of post offices are computerized and 6% are net-linked;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken to fast-track these works;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide internet connectivity in all the post offices in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame fixed for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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.362 FOR 2ND MAY, 2012 REGARDING "COMPUTERIZATION OF POST OFFICES"

(a) & (b) Madam, 99.26% Departmental Post Offices in the country have been computerised till 31.3.2012. In terms of numbers, 24,969 out of 25,154 Departmental Post Offices have been computerised. Out of the 24,969 computerised Departmental Post Offices, 19,890 Post offices, i.e. 79.66%, have internet connectivity. Under the Department's comprehensive IT Modernization Project, Request for Proposal (RFP) for Network Integrator has been floated and Letter of Intent has been issued. The Network Integrator will provide network connectivity to all the Departmental Post Offices.

(c) to (e) The Rural Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Solution is a part of the IT Modernization Project of the Department. This will enable the Department to computerise and provide network connectivity to 1, 29,416 Grameen Dak Sewaks' managed Post Offices in rural areas. The timeline for the roll out of this Project is expected in the year 2013-14 subject to finalization of the RFP and availability of funds.